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Front (left to right): St. Andrew's Alpine Ski team captures CISAA and OFSAA Championships; Looking down at the 2007 Triple Gold winning Varsity, U16 and U14 Squash Teams; 2007 CISAA Champion Hockey Team; and Alpine Skier **Cameron Tait '07**.

Back (left to right): Varsity Squash players Devon Bean and Iker Lanzagorta; Varsity team members listen to Coach MacDonald in between periods; 2007 hockey champs show champion cup to the fans; 2007 Alpine Ski team continued.

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# BOYS INTO MEN



(l-r) Andrew Wallace,  
Jordan Hennick and Phil Ringette

*Not An Ordinary Place*, William Scoular's history of S.A.C., records that under the School's second headmaster, Dr. Macdonald (1900-1935), "games, matching the progress of the Sports and Character Movement in private schools generally, became compulsory, even eulogised at St. Andrew's." "Dr. Mac", who had been a keen rugby-footballer himself and one of the original trustees of the Grey Cup, regularly played in practice scrimmages with the First Team and, according to one account, "took his knocks and tumbles with the boys as well as any of them."

**H**e was so fervent a supporter of the game that he never missed a school match, running frenzied up and down the touch-line, shouting in English, Latin and Greek. The boys were expected to cheer on their team, so that if they were not hoarse at the end of the match, it was suspected that they were slacking and were in danger of being caned.

Unlike my predecessor, this headmaster, I can assure you, speaks neither Latin nor Greek and has never felt the slightest urge either to wield the cane or to be pounded into goulash by the First Football team! Even so, while no one today would disagree that pursuits which cultivate qualities of the heart, mind and spirit are an integral part

of the education of our students, sports, especially competitive sports, continue to play their powerful and necessary role at St. Andrew's in our mission to turn boys into men.

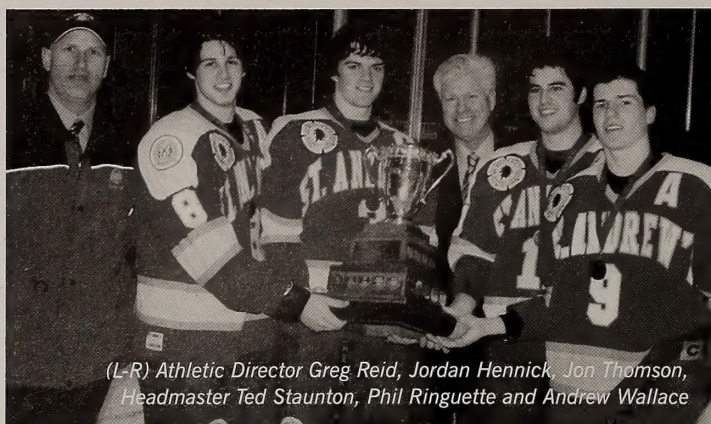
The secret promise of all competitive sport is that life is hard on the playing field, but there, as in life, you only get what you deserve. The referee still calls penalties against you when you're down 5-0 in the final minutes of play, and the scoreboard won't be adjusted afterward to make you feel better.

"Why," enquired Oliver Wendall Holmes, the prominent American man of letters, "should you row a boat race?"



Phil Oram '07





(L-R) Athletic Director Greg Reid, Jordan Hennick, Jon Thomson, Headmaster Ted Staunton, Phil Ringuette and Andrew Wallace

Why endure long months of pain in preparation for a fierce half-hour that will leave you all but dead. Is there anyone who would not go through all it costs, and more, for the moment when anguish breaks into triumph – or even for the glory of having nobly lost? Is life less than a boat race? If a man will give all the blood in his body to win the one, will he not spend all the might of his soul to prevail in the other?

As someone who has spent his entire adult life in education, I can say with some certainty that there are qualities of an abstract nature which sports instil in a boy, qualities which he will need in full measure as a man: discipline, concentration, team spirit, integrity, independence – in short, “character.” And it’s my belief that an athlete’s character is more important ultimately than his skill: a perception proven in the most arduous of competitions – one thinks of the virtually Herculean efforts of S.A.C. Alpine skier, Dylan Edminson, who moved from 42nd to 15th place on his last run guaranteeing the Alpine Ski team its 5th consecutive OFSAA Championship. Varsity Squash player Sean Eng suffered a severely torn hamstring during the CISAA squash finals,

but played on valiantly, securing the championship for his team. Most importantly, sports instil in an individual that most valuable and mysterious of gifts – an unswerving faith in oneself, and I personally am grateful to athletics for having taught me much of what has become invaluable to me in my vocation as a teacher and latterly as a headmaster.

Meeting triumph with disaster is one of the several things that sports teach. The triumph of one is the loss of the other. Winning is easy. Real courage, as demonstrated by this year’s First Football team, which should have won the league championship but did not, is required when you lose. The significant issue is not losing, but the player’s accommodation of it, the athlete who, though losing, displays that “grace” and “courage” of which, in another context, Hemingway in *The Old Man and the Sea*, wrote:

“Every athlete knows what many other students will never know: that nothing can be learned without discipline. And, by the very nature of games, sports teach fairness or cheating, teamwork or selfishness, compassion or ruthlessness. A coach who runs up a score against a weak opponent has taught his team plenty. And so does the coach who yanks a useful player out of a line-up on the eve of an important game for a serious school infraction or because he has shown contempt for the team by skipping practise.”

Thomas Arnold, the great nineteenth-century headmaster and founder of the Sports and Character Movement, knew all too well that sports teach the democratic virtues of fairness and teamwork and compassion. What one hopes is that the lessons a St. Andrew’s boy learns on the playing field might, as he matures into manhood, effect an opening up of this parochialism to let the rest of the world in, making it a better place in which to live. **A**

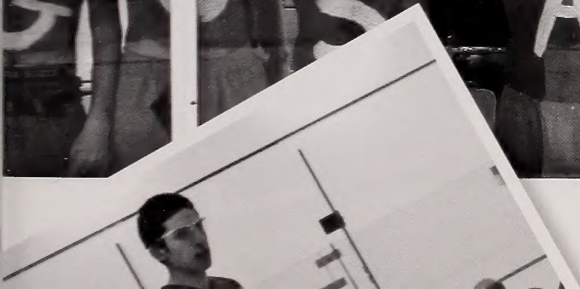
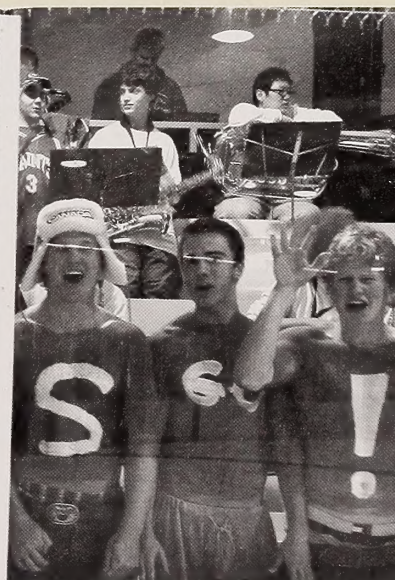
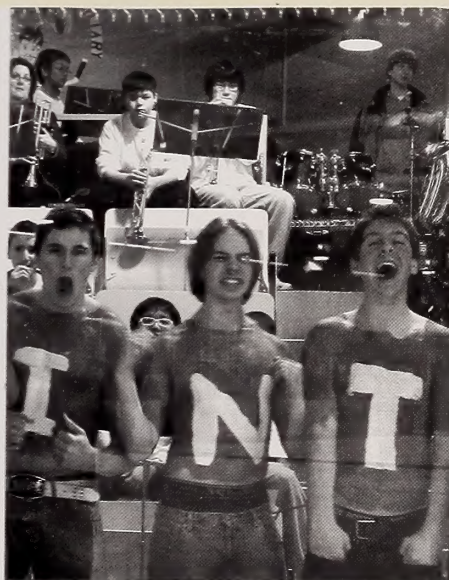
TED STAUNTON



Team representatives from all three triple gold Squash teams. Front row from left to right: Headmaster Ted Staunton, Martin Lo, Rodrigo Said, Andres Arozarena, Devon Bean, Andres Garza, Jose DePedro, Ms. Michele Derwin (U14 Team Coach). Back row from left to right: Mr. Tino Paolini (U16 Team Coach), John C. Lee, Mr. Steve Rush (Varsity Coach), Jeronimo Cortina, Michael Choi



# CHAMPS







< Varsity Squash team captures gold at CISAA

## SQUASH TRIPLE GOLD

# CHAMPIONS ALL AROUND



All three S.A.C. Squash teams: Varsity, U16 and U14 were champions this season, with the Varsity Squash team capturing the gold at the CISAA finals on February 28. It was an exhausting day of squash as players played over 15 games in the round robin for the chance to play in the best 2 out of 3 final. A season of drills, challenge matches, league play, tournaments and lots of after-study squash had paid off.

The depth of this year's squash program was proven by the style in which all three teams won their championships. While other teams had a strong player or two, St. Andrew's squash program had depth. Our top players could compete at the tough #1 and #2 ranks, but our teams dominated in the lower ranks. All three teams were undefeated in league play this season and entered into their finals as confident favourites. All three squads succeeded in bringing home the gold. This unprecedented success deserves to be celebrated, as it won't happen again anytime soon. Champions leave nothing to chance, and these competitors are champions. **A**

## BREAKING RECORDS



Front Row: Whitney Elliott (Coach), Mario Recio (Manager), Rob Hambley, Mike Ligeti, Dylan Edminson, Richard Housser, Duncan Cole (Manager), Spencer Powell. Second Row: Nick Day (Coach), Trevor Jackson, Mike Fedorov, Cam Oram, Robbie Kaptyn, Dylan Baker, Adam Yates, Jamie Inglis (Coach)

Of special mention is the success of St. Andrew's top Level 1 racer, **Dylan Edminson '07**. Skiing with the team for eight years he has amassed one of the most remarkable and unmatched records ever by a student athlete at St. Andrew's. Over his career at St. Andrew's, Dylan has been awarded a total of 13 OFSAA Gold medals (8 Individual, 5 team) and 5 Silver medals. This individual and team record at the provincial level has never been duplicated in any sport and earned Dylan "Athlete of the Week" honors in the Toronto Star. **A**

Dylan Edminson '07





# SAINTS HOCKEY



**T**he Saints Varsity hockey team won the CISAA Championship for the second time in three years with an overtime win over St. Mike's 3-2 in their rink. S.A.C. had stormed back from a 4-2 deficit to take the first game of the best of three final with five third period goals to win 7-4.

The CISAA win capped a 39-7-4 record and the 'triple crown' of the MacPherson Tournament gold medal and the Mid West Prep League (M.P.H.L.) championship in the U.S.

The Saints prevailed over the Edge School of Calgary 3-2 in the final of the MacPherson, having earlier topped them in the round robin game by an identical score. At the M.P.H.L. final in Pittsburgh the club dropped St. Francis, of Athol Springs N.Y. 3-0 in the final – a team they had edged 2-1 in a thrilling Friday night at the MacPherson in front of a capacity crowd.

This year's team featured the "French Connection" of high scoring stars Christian Morissette, Phil Ringuette and JF

Boisvert and grade 10 goalie Vinny Lessard who had a superb season between the pipes. Andrew Wallace from Nova Scotia and Alan Clow of PEI brought some eastern Canadian flair and hard work to the club, as did Tim Drager who came all the way from Geneva, Switzerland. Grade 10s Morgan Bonner and Nic Vangog are future stars with the Saints, and are part of a contingent of 12 Aurora and local area players.

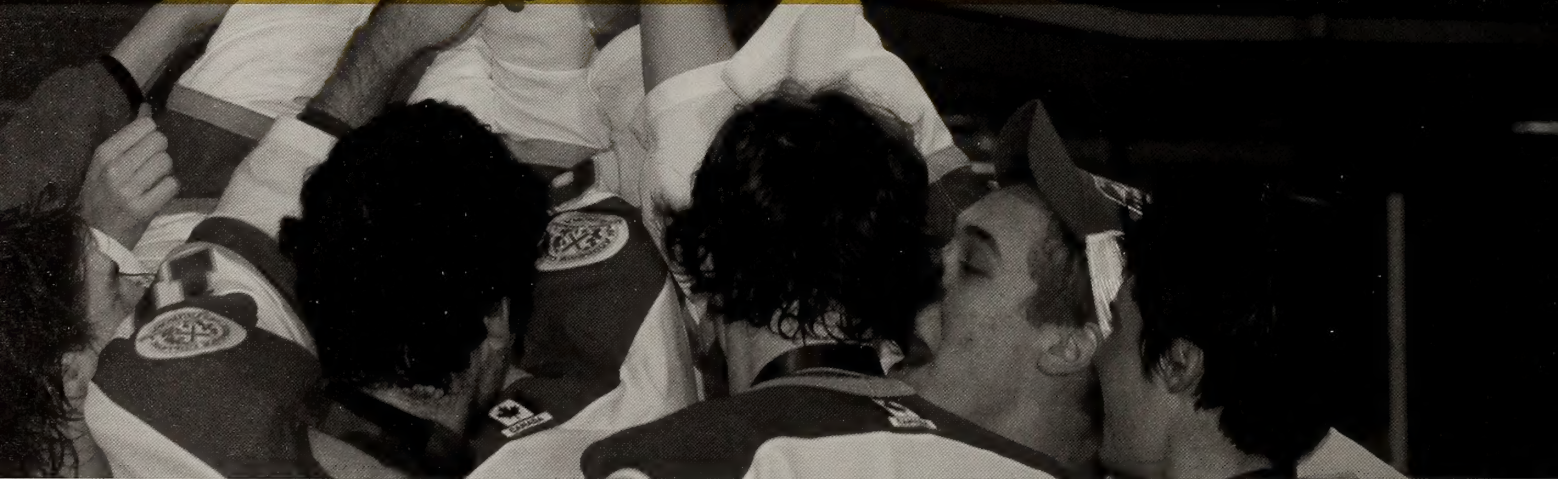
Graduating seniors include Harrison Jones, Tyson Geick, Ryan Thom, Matt Wolfenden, Adam Lebar, Matt Boyd, Jordan Hennick and four year veteran defenseman Jon Thomson who wore the Captain's "C" – the 96th Captain of the Saints since 1900.

On page 7 of this issue of *The Andean* is a photograph of the 1982 First Hockey team, which was the first independent school to capture the Ontario provincial OFSAA title, coincidentally by a 3-2 score in overtime in Fort Frances, Ontario. This year's Saints team celebrated their championship, by the same score. 25 years after that great hockey moment. **A**



# MacPherson Champions

The 24th annual MacPherson Tournament went off without a hitch – including a 6th Gold Medal for the Saints. St Andrew's defeated Edge School from Calgary 3-2 in the final in one of the fastest paced games of the season. It was an identical score to a victory over Edge in the round robin tilt on Friday morning.



The Saints – 2007 MacPherson Hockey Tournament Champions

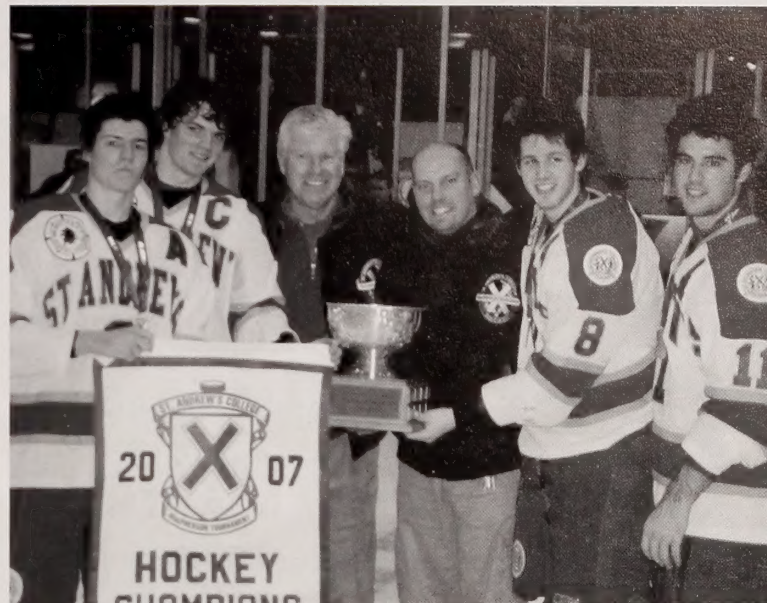


Graduating Seniors – Rear (L-R): 7 Matt Wolfenden, 28 Tyson Geick, 3 Jonathan Thomson, 8 Jordan Hennick, 25 Ryan Thom, 26 Matt Boyd. Front (L-R): 6 Harrison Jones, 17 Adam Leba





Jim McClocklin '66 presents the James McClocklin Most Valuable Player trophy to Vinny Lessard, a grade 10 student from Beaconsfield, Quebec.



This year's Captains – (L-R) 9 Andrew Wallace, Bedford, NS, 3 Jonathan Thomson, Orangeville, ON, 8 Jordan Hennick, Dollard des Ormeaux, QC, and 11 Phil Ringuette, Outremont, QC accept the MacPherson Cup and banner from Headmaster Ted Staunton and Committee member Dave Stewart at centre ice.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY CHAMPIONS

FIRST HOCKEY 1981-82

Front Row: P.Stephenson, B.Wilkinson, A.Dunford Esq., A.Crawford, A.Jackson Esq., C.McLean, T.Kovacs. Second Row: J. Kinnaid, K. Begg, J.Barker, D.Baker, D.Cooper, D.Tredgett, T.Hussey, A.Moreland, S.Byberg, R.Lutley, K.Callahan, G.Crawford, J.Archibald, D.Coulson, P.Beckwith





*The IISPSC Gallery— a hive of activity*


# TOURNAMENT PUTS S.A.C. ON INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL MAPS

For faculty member David Kyle, it was the culmination of a year of all-consuming time and effort. For competitors from all over the world it was the culmination of a year of preparation and practice. And for the Aurora community it was a year to get to learn just what's up that beautiful driveway off Yonge Street.

The International Independent Schools' Public Speaking Competition, more simply known around the School as "the IISPSC," was many things to many people during five days this past October. But for St. Andrew's as a whole, it was a chance to showcase a team that always pulls together when needed and a chance to involve the local community like never before.

Held from October 18-22, the tournament brought together 156 high school students and their coaches from 44 schools representing seven different countries worldwide for a public speaking contest that featured events ranging from impromptu speeches, persuasive speeches and 'after-dinner' speeches to team-oriented parliamentary debate, cross-examination sessions and more. Started in Winnipeg more than 25 years ago, the competition has grown to become the most important public speaking contest on the independent school calendar.

For facilitator David Kyle it meant tackling tasks as varied as finding \$30,000 in funding, locating billets for all visiting students and finding enough people in the local community to fill 500 judging spots

required to run the competitions. Clearly this was a job far bigger than just one committee alone, and before long David's original team of Ted Staunton, Kevin McHenry and Gary Godkin soon encompassed virtually all of the staff at the School in one way or another.

"The sheer logistics of organizing accommodation and judging was in itself quite daunting," says David. "But early in the process Ted Staunton made it clear to the entire staff that this was a crucial event in the school's history, and time and time again after that staff members stepped into the breach to take on jobs that could not have been done without them."

"The biggest job was the telephone marketing we had to do to find judges. That was probably 80% of the work of the whole tournament. With 500 spots to fill, I spent hundreds of hours on that, not just to secure volunteers, but to fill them in on details and to confirm assignments. We ended up with 380 judges in total. One hundred of them were community members that included local Mayors and Councillors."

While skilled public speaking coaches judged the latter rounds of the competition, earlier rounds were adjudicated by the volunteers, none of whom needed public speaking experience. They attended a one-hour training session held just before their events were scheduled, and then sat with a team of four or five other volunteer judges to listen to their assigned competitions and fill out scoring ballots.



The judges were treated to stiff competition between participants and they were 'wowed' by the skill, wit and versatility of the best students in the tournament. "I was humbled by the courage it took for these students to do what they were doing," said one faculty member who judged several events. "The presentations were extremely well researched, polished, and in many cases emotional and very convincing. It was an eye-opener for me."

In addition to Canada, countries represented by visiting schools included England, Scotland, the United States, Cyprus, Bermuda and Australia. Each school brought between three and six representatives, all of whom were billeted locally. "Feedback from parents who billeted students was nothing but positive," David Kyle notes. "You're talking about elite kids who are probably close to the top academically at their schools besides being extremely ambitious. So you have to expect they would be pretty trouble-free and fascinating kids to have in your home."

If the Aurora community was impressed by the visitors, so too were the visitors by the host venue. "I was impressed with the professional conduct of the St. Andrew's students who were in charge of events over the course of the weekend or who guided us through the school," said Karen Hansen-Cowper, a coach and Assistant Vice-Principal from Trafalgar Castle School in Whitby. "And it says a lot about the culture of your school that so many former and current teachers, as well as alumni, acted as judges for various events. As a coach, I appreciated their insights and comments."

Five St. Andrew's students participated in the tournament: Stewart Powell (grade 12 from Aurora), Ryan Cole (grade 10 from Aurora), Hamad Mirza (grade 11 from Richmond Hill), Abhinav Raina (grade 11 from Aurora) and Radissen Ramoutar (grade 11 from Trinidad). Ryan qualified for the finals in all three of his categories: Extemporaneous Speaking, and both Parliamentary and Cross-Examination Style Debating. Ryan's teammate, Stewart, was his partner in the Cross-Examination category, for which

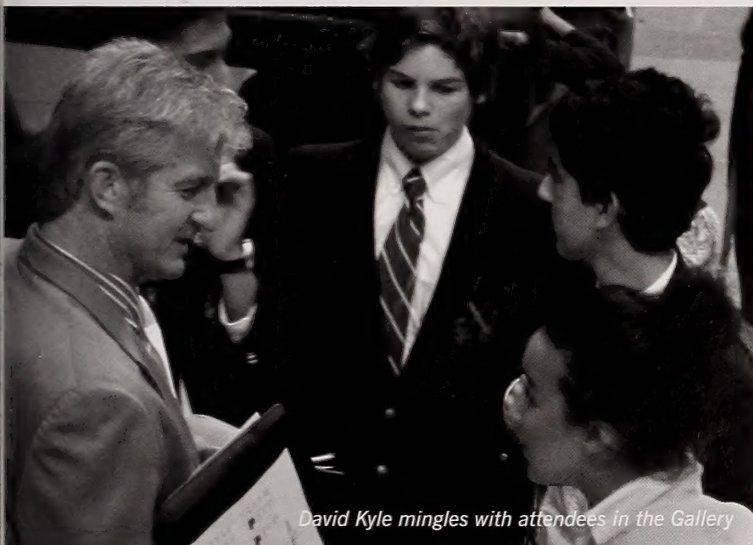


*A 'persuasive speaker' makes his point*

they captured 2nd place overall, narrowly losing out in the finals by a judging preference of 3 to 2. Ryan went on to rank 11th in Extemporaneous and 10th out of 156 overall for the competition. He will be one of six Canadian students vying for the title at the World Championships in South Africa this spring.

About the IISPC event, Ryan was ebullient:

**"IT WAS A TREMENDOUS EXPERIENCE TO BE PART OF SOMETHING SO HUGE – RIGHT HERE AT ST. ANDREW'S, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE'RE EMERGING AS A STRONGER AND STRONGER DEBATING SCHOOL."**



*David Kyle mingles with attendees in the Gallery*





Team photo (from left to right): Radissen Ramoutar, Hamad Mirza, Ryan Cole, Daniel Couturier (grade 7 volunteer), Abhinav Raina and Stewart Powell

"It's the largest tournament of its kind, and to do so well on 'home court' was amazing. The school administration, faculty and students were really supportive. It was an unbelievable opportunity and the highlight of my year."

David Kyle, debating coach at St. Andrew's for two years now, says the process of public speaking brings an element of education to the speakers they can get in few other ways. "In today's news we hear so much about troubled youth and lack of self-esteem," he says.

**"PUBLIC SPEAKING IS THE PERFECT REMEDY – IT BUILDS SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE AMONG STUDENTS AND HELPS DEVELOP ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS AND VISIONARIES."**

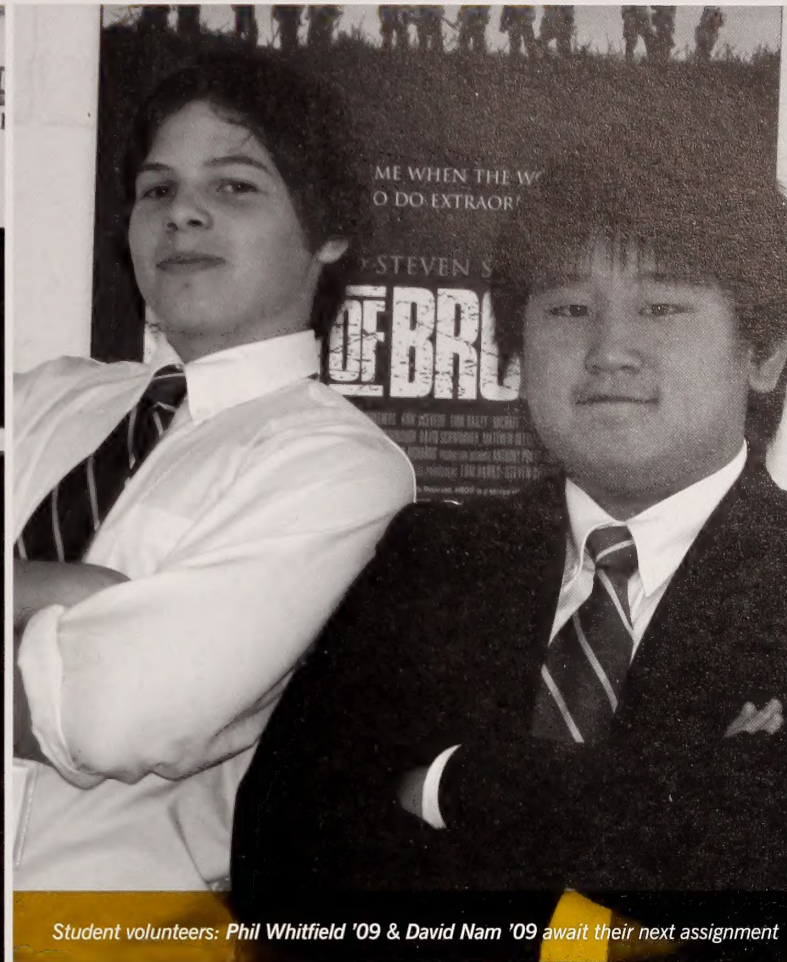
Headmaster Ted Staunton looks back on the tournament as a major milestone in the life of the school, one that lived up to its reputation as a daunting event to host. "We entered the whole thing knowing it was a formidable task," he says. "I'd been Head of a school in Winnipeg that hosted this event over a decade ago, so I knew it was a challenge, but I knew we could pull it off. However, we had no idea it would be so difficult getting timely responses from other schools, so there were times when we felt under the gun. We've had lots of events here where we've played host to outsiders, but the international component and the extensive involvement of the local community meant that this was the biggest event of its type that we've ever hosted."

Ted notes that the team that headed up the tournament researched it well and tried to maintain some cohesion with the previous year's event. "Kevin McHenry, Gary Godkin, David Kyle and I had gone to Selwyn House School in Montreal to see the tournament last year," he explains. "We got a real feeling that this was a community event, so we picked that ball up and ran with it. There was good reason for it too, because you simply needed the school and community manpower to operate. Of course, we could not have gotten by without David Kyle co-ordinating all of that, and without Gary Godkin's computer expertise in managing the logistical complexities. It was a tremendous team effort."





The excitement of S.A.C. is just too much for some visitors



Student volunteers: Phil Whitfield '09 & David Nam '09 await their next assignment

Ted also speaks highly of the benefits of the tournament to the host's own debating program: "We wanted this to serve as a stimulus to promote the program internally. With so much to do here we felt public speaking was slipping by the wayside. So this was a way of bringing it back on the table. Now we've got one of the best debaters of the tournament coming here next year from Taunton School in England as a gap student, and we have renewed interest from the boys here. The value of these skills to students as they leave here are incalculable."

The tournament ended on a high note on Sunday, October 22 at a Gala Awards Banquet held in the Great Hall amidst pipers, drummers, haggis and a table of impressive hardware. By Monday morning exhausted participants were on their way home and life at S.A.C. began to return to normal.

But it was a new S.A.C. on that Monday morning, one that had shown hundreds of people, both local and international, what the Andreans up the driveway off Yonge Street could do within the community under great leadership and a team effort. "An event like this brings great PR to the school," David Kyle concludes. "I had people write to me later saying they'd love to work here and did we have any openings."

"For a lot of people in Aurora, St. Andrew's College is just a beautiful field you see from Yonge Street. But we brought local people onto campus who had never been here before. We were in the local papers and on television more than a dozen times with photos and stories. Local Mayors were talking about it. We got great community coverage and we got great community support. On the public relations front, it doesn't get much better than that!" **A**

JIM MCGILLIVRAY



Radissen Ramoutar '08 with co-host Dina Pugliese on Breakfast Television



# "MASTER JUGGLERS"

To many, St. Andrew's College is known as a top-flight university preparatory school recognized for its impressive athletic programs and exceptional Music, Arts and Drama. But unless you have witnessed a cadet inspection, music concert or MacPherson Tournament, you may not be privy to a hidden gem that lies within – the school's bagpiping program.

Last November, Robbie Beaton (grade 11 student from Scotia, New York) and Kegan Sheehan (grade 10 student from Queensbury, New York) made St. Andrew's College proud at the George Sherriff Memorial Amateur Piping Competition in Hamilton, Ontario, placing 2nd and 3rd respectively.

"This is a restricted event that invites the 10 leading amateur competing pipers in the world to compete in three events in front of an international panel of judges," said their teacher Jim McGillivray.

McGillivray, the Director of Piping at St. Andrew's for the past eight years, has taught both boys since their grade 9 year and sees great promise for the future. A double gold medallist and one of the most successful Canadian competitive pipers worldwide, McGillivray is considered one of North America's leading players and teachers, and is a wonderful mentor to these rising stars.

Robbie and Kegan are both fine examples of "master jugglers" at the school. Not only have both been busy with recent competitions, but both are also involved in sports, clubs, and most importantly maintaining their academic standing.

*Robbie Beaton '08 one of the top 10 amateur pipers under 21 in the world.*

**"IT IS WONDERFUL TO WATCH THESE TWO VERY TALENTED YOUNG MEN CONTINUE TO CARRY THE ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE NAME TO THE WORLD'S PIPING STAGES!"**





# REACH FOR THE TOP

Robbie was awarded the Piper's & Pipe Band Society of Ontario's "Champion Supreme" award for Grade 1 Amateur solo piping for the 2006 competition season in September, and has recently received notification that he has been upgraded to the Open/Professional competition class. According to McGillivray, this is the top level of open solo piping, and very few people make it to this level at Robbie's age. He also plays with the Toronto Police Pipe Band every weekend, is on the school's JV Hockey team, and was awarded his scholar's tie for the first time earlier this year.

Kegan was the overall winner of the Nicol-Brown Amateur Invitational Solo Piping Championships in Albany, New York last September. This event brings together the top non-professional-class pipers from North America. He was in Scotland in August, where he placed 3rd in the MacGregor Memorial Competition, which is open to competitors under the age of 21 who have impressive resumes of piping successes. Kegan also plays JV Basketball and 1st Lacrosse at the school, and keeps an honours academic average on top of that.

A week after placing 3rd in the MacGregor Competition, Kegan was asked to play the pipes at a special dinner for the Ontario Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable James K. Bartleman. "We had many, many compliments on the boy from St. Andrew's, and to have piping done so well and so professionally by such a polite young man added a very special element to the evening," said Catherine White, an organizer of the event. **A**

KIM SILLCOX



*Kegan Sheehan '09 performs a bagpipe solo during Cadets in Concert.*



*Drum Fanfare was a highlight of Cadets in Concert (from left to right): Jared Kim '07, Andrew Chen '08, John Stoneman '07, Anthony D'Antonio '07, Matthew Hale '08, Wes Tiller '07, Harrison Jones '07, Michael Anderson '09, Jon Tozzi '07 (Drum Major).*



## RECENT PAST PRODUCTIONS:

Cabaret 2006  
 A Midsummer Night's Dream 2005  
 Kiss Me Kate 2004  
 Henry the V 2003  
 Oklahoma 2002  
 Oliver 2001  
 The Importance of Being Earnest 2001  
 Hamlet 2000  
 West Side Story 1999  
 A Midsummer Night's Dream 1998  
 H.M.S. Pinafore 1997  
 Macbeth 1997



Kara Godkin and Julian Fitzsimons '12 (portraying Nazi Youth) are joined by Eva (Katherine Caraleri) in *Cabaret*.

Dora Award nominee, Carly Street, star of *The Lord of the Rings*, which had its world premiere in Toronto last spring, played the illustrious Sally Bowles in the S.A.C. Dramatics Society production of *Cabaret* last November.

Since graduating from the National Theatre School of Canada, Carly has performed in numerous productions in major theatres across the country, including several seasons at the Stratford Festival. Her numerous film and TV credits include *Lady Macbeth* in the latest screen version of Shakespeare's masterpiece.

Ryan Cole, a grade 10 student from Aurora, appeared in the coveted role of the Emcee. Cliff Bradshaw and Herr Schultz were played by two boarders in grade 12, Colin Murphy from Mexico City and Torontonians Adam Salomon.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary last year, *Cabaret* is one of the greatest musicals of all time. It not only boasts some of the best songs ever heard on Broadway, it also has a compelling and highly political storyline with a message from history that can't be ignored. Set in the decadent Berlin of the early 1930s during the uninhibited era of the Weimar Republic, it sets the rise of the Nazis against the apathy of the masses, and describes a wind of change that would have terrifying consequences for all.

The S.A.C. production was directed by S.A.C. Head of Drama William Scoular, whose work as a professional director and writer has been seen in London's West End, at World Stage and on CTV.

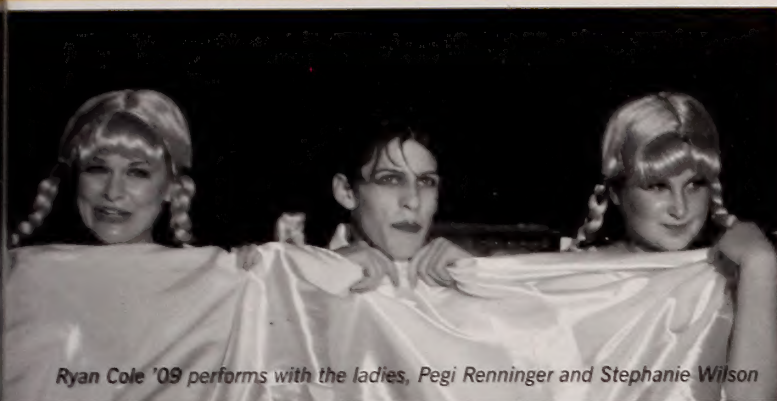
**"Good theatre not only delights – it also instructs."**

"That's why *Cabaret* is such a wonderful play to do at a school," said Scoular. "This play is really about the central mystery of the 20th century – how Hitler could have happened. And it's important that we go on asking that question whether or not we can find an answer."

It was important to William Scoular and Headmaster Ted Staunton that the entire student body see this play so to better understand this terrifying chapter from world history. Mr. Staunton took the added step of asking all parents of Middle School students to accompany their sons to one of the play's three evening performances not only because of the subject matter, but also so that they could talk about the play's message in more detail following the performance.

Anyone already familiar with the School's Dramatic Society productions knows these are no ordinary school plays.





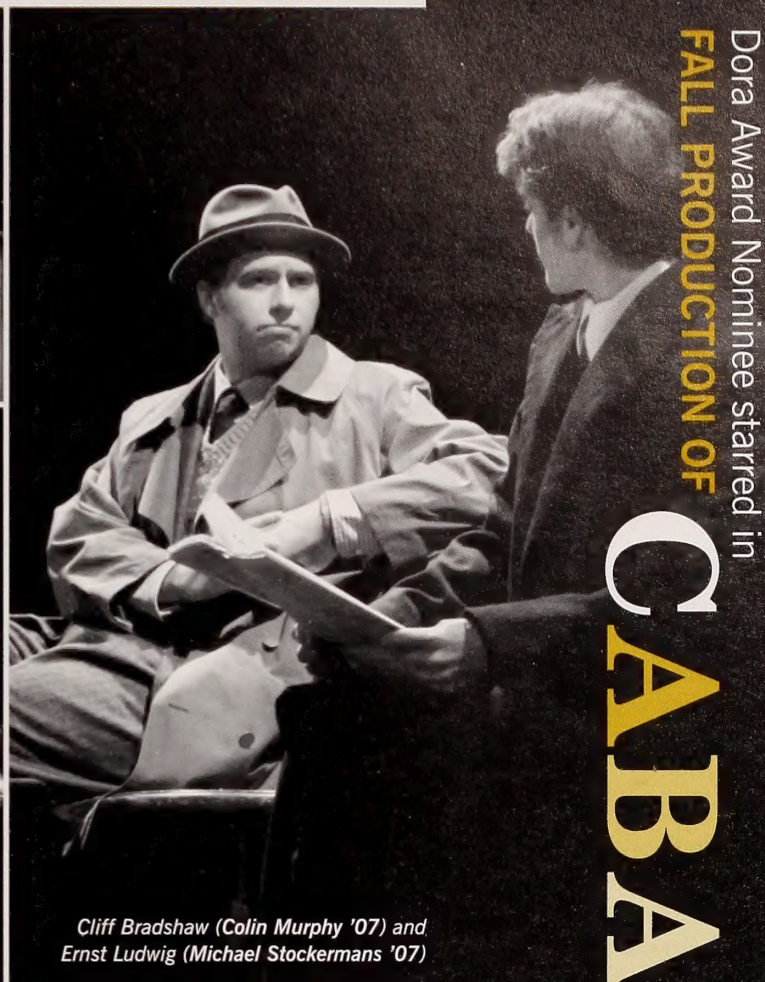
Ryan Cole '09 performs with the ladies, Pegi Renninger and Stephanie Wilson



Dora Award Nominee Carly Street stimulates the audience as Sally Bowles



Ryan Cole '09 steals the show as the Emcee



Cliff Bradshaw (Colin Murphy '07) and Ernst Ludwig (Michael Stockermans '07)

Dora Award Nominee starred in  
FALL PRODUCTION OF

# CABARET

Because of Scoular's strong ties to the professional world, student actors, some of whom have never before spoken a single word onstage, get a chance to work alongside leading theatre practitioners.

The sets, costumes, props and lighting rival anything you are likely to see on the professional stage. And with the extraordinary Carly Street in the female lead, backed by some outstanding local talent – *Cabaret* was an unforgettable performance of downtown calibre. **A**

KIM SILLCOX



# INNOVATIVE AJMERA BROTHERS

## PRESIDE OVER A GROWING FOOD EMPIRE



Back in the 1990s when the Ajmera brothers – **Ojus '95** and **Tejus '00** – were at St. Andrew's, they may not have thought that by 2007 they would be working 15 hours a day presiding over a multi-million dollar food empire, but that is what their father's small business idea decades ago has come to.

Soham (Sam) Ajmera immigrated to Toronto from India in 1972 and began baking Indian flatbreads to feed his family and friends. Local Indian grocers started buying his products. Later he added tortillas, then moved to croissants and bagels. When he sold this business in 1993 to Canada Bread, he was the largest producer of bagels in North America, baking millions of bagels a day.

Sam moved on to buy a small rice business in Arkansas, where Ojus moved after University for several years. Once Tejus completed his College degree, he too got involved. True to Sam's form, this business is now the largest grower of organic rice in North America. When Ojus graduated from University of Toronto, and Tejus graduated from Bowdoin College in Maine, the family decided to start a bakery in Toronto while still maintaining the rice business. They've never looked back.

Today FGF Brands (for 'Functional Gourmet Foods') is the largest producer of muffins in Canada, providing muffins for all Canadian Starbucks locations. But that's not the half of it. The company

specializes in Indian flatbread – specifically naan flatbread. To market naan, they had to create their own Tandoor ('high-heat') oven that bakes large quantities of it at 1000 degrees for 30 seconds. They now supply President's Choice and their naan earned them President's Choice award for 'Innovative Supplier of the Year.'

They are not about to rest on their laurels. "Every ethnicity has its own flatbread," says Ojus, "and Canada is a great place for ethnicity. We want to expand and capitalize on that. We're planning on moving our 120 FGF employees into a 70,000 square-foot plant in Concord, north of Toronto, so things are on the move again."

Ojus handles all sales and marketing for FGF and Specialty Rice in Arkansas, while Tejus takes care of operations for both companies. "Our father isn't involved in day-to-day operations," says Ojus, "but he's still the visionary. He comes in every day, and we love having him around."

Ojus recently married and his wife is expecting a son in April. "Tejus," says Ojus, "is single, 25 years old, and working very hard!" Both live in Richmond Hill. **A**







*Tom Orr in the Stratford Festival Theatre Archives in February*

# THOMAS ORR

## A STRATFORD PILLAR

'Our' **Tom Orr** attended St. Andrew's from 1951 to 1956, but the name of 'Tom Orr' has been a mainstay in Stratford, Ontario for much, much longer. The earliest Tom Orr built a house in Stratford in 1873 and his son Robert Thomas Orr founded Orr Insurance in the town in 1895. 'Our' Tom Orr is the grandson of Robert Thomas, and Orr Insurance Brokers now operates out of the original Tom Orr's residence. That's quite a tradition.

But 'Orr' has meant more than insurance in this famous theatre town. While Orr Insurance has been involved in the Stratford Festival of Canada organization since the Festival Theatre was built in 1953, Tom has personally been a leading light since he joined the Board of Governors in 1979. He recently finished a two-year term as Board Chair, which now earns him the title 'Chancellor of the Senate.' His involvement in this remarkable theatre organization has continued unabated, and he is currently a member of three Board sub-committees. Much like the S.A.C. Board, the Festival Board is not involved in day-to-day activities, but oversees operations using committees such

as Finance, Governance, Facilities and Advancement. The Board hires the General Director who in turn manages four theatres with a \$56 million annual budget.

And as if this work isn't enough to warrant 'pillar of the community' status, Tom is currently Co-Chair of the fundraising committee committed to building a new Stratford General Hospital.

Tom and wife Connie have three grown children. Son Jeffrey Thomas Orr graduated from St. Andrew's in 1985. He and brother Rick now run Orr Insurance with a total of 28 employees. Says Tom, "I come in every day and do what I want when I want." A total of five grandchildren (with one on the way) pretty much ensure that the Orr name will be front and centre in Stratford for many, many years to come.

Recently Tom enjoyed a day taking a group of St. Andrew's staff and administrators on a tour of the Festival facilities. **A**





# THE GOAL IS TO HELP PEOPLE

# ROMAN MELNYK

**Roman Melnyk '92** came to St. Andrew's primarily for the sports. "Hockey and soccer consumed me when I came to the School," he says, "though I think my parents' ulterior motive in sending me to S.A.C. was academics."

Well, mom and dad, it worked. When Roman began to realize that a career in sports was not in the cards he fell back on good marks and moved into science at McMaster University in Hamilton. Graduate work in biochemistry at the University of Toronto followed, and with a Doctorate completed, Roman headed to Harvard University, where he spent three years doing research as a post-doctoral fellow. "Early in my training, I thought the only place for a biochemistry major was med school, but as I went further in my schooling, I realized that scientific research offered a wonderful opportunity to make a living with a science degree."

Roman's work at Harvard focussed on infectious diseases such as anthrax. "With the bio-terrorism threat in the U.S., anthrax was a hot area of research at the time," he says. "It was very interesting work, but I began to realize during my post-doc that working on diseases like anthrax would likely have a relatively minor impact on human health since the actual number of people who get infected with these types of agents is so small."

In the fall of 2004 he married Hamilton native Tammy Jones (in the St. Andrew's chapel), and the two settled in Boston, with Tammy working as a financial advisor. As Roman's post-doc drew to a close, the opportunity arose for the couple to move to Montreal where Roman was offered a position as a Senior Research Scientist with the pharmaceutical company Merck-Frosst. Leaving Boston was difficult,



Roman Melnyk

but Roman has not regretted the decision. "Scientific research in industry is another world compared to academics," he says. "Industry forces you to become an expert in new areas constantly, whereas academia tends to keep you on the same path. I feel I've learned more in my first four months with Merck-Frosst than I did in three years in Boston."

Roman's current area of research is hypertension. He runs his own project area with hand-picked staff, and he has free reign to research. The goal some day – maybe years from now – is to create a drug to treat hypertension that the company can market, but his immediate focus is on the research, not a pill. "The philosophy here is that while the business needs to make money, the goal is to help people. If we focus on that, the business will take care of itself. It's a great environment and it motivates me to leave my comfort zone and push myself further. It's a very rewarding challenge."

Roman's life doesn't lack for rewarding challenges at the moment. Tammy gave birth to their daughter Julia in January. **A**







Stephen with oscar winner Lord Richard Attenborough and Mischa Barton

Back in his S.A.C. glory days, **Stephen Amell '00** was active not only in first-team sports like football, rugby, swimming and skiing, but also in the 'performing' roles. He was Drum Major of the Pipes & Drums and had starring roles in *West Side Story*, *Kwik Kopy College*, *A Midsummer's Night Dream* and many more. Stephen decided to pursue the acting avocation when he graduated, but wasn't happy at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles. So he returned home and started making a living in the insurance industry with an eye towards acting in the future. "Honestly, the sensible decision would have been a Canadian university where I could earn a degree and maybe play some football." But things appear to be working out for him.

In early 2006 he was cast in a lead role opposite Shirley MacLaine, Christopher Plummer and Mischa Barton in Richard Attenborough's *Closing the Ring*, opening in 2007. "Needless to say, this is a phenomenal way to kick-start my career," says Stephen. Since then he has signed on with a high-powered agency in California and is looking for the logical follow-up to his feature-film debut. On the Canadian front, he just wrapped season two of the hit Canadian show *Rent-A-Goalie*. **A**

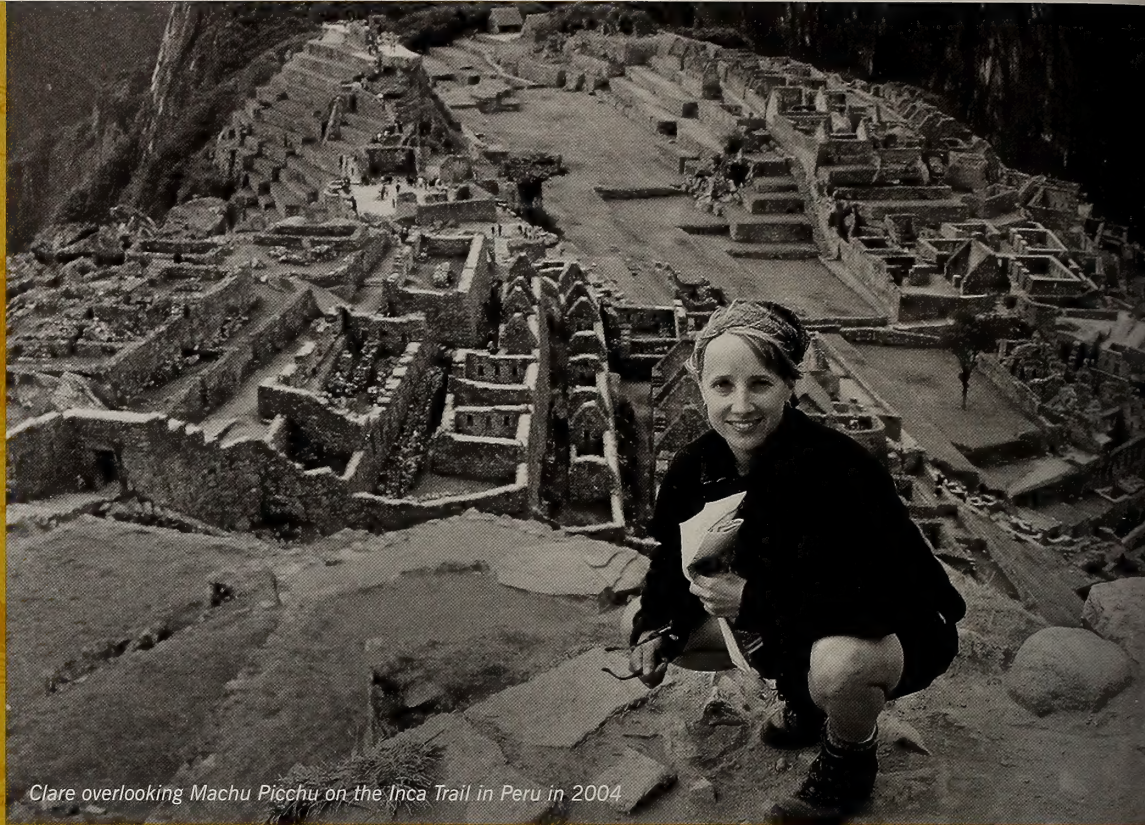
## STEVE AMELL

### REALIZING HIS DREAM





A Teachable Moment

AN UNEXPECTED  
JOURNEY OF COURAGE

Clare overlooking Machu Picchu on the Inca Trail in Peru in 2004

**Courage:**  
*The quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, and pain without fear, but with confidence and bravery.*

Head Prefect Adel Ratansi read this definition to the students at the opening assembly in September. With these words he recognized and praised his teacher, advisor and friend, Mrs. Clare Kowaltshuk who was diagnosed with breast cancer last May. At the time she was diagnosed, Clare was 32 years old and 33 weeks pregnant. In both their remarks, Adel and Headmaster Staunton praised Clare for her bravery and challenged the entire student body to exemplify courage throughout this year to show their support for Mrs. Kowaltshuk and other members of the Andean community facing hardship(s) at this time.

Anyone who knows Clare, knows what kind of feisty and bubbly personality she possesses. They probably know about her love of travel as well – her wanderlust that has brought her around the globe to ascend 5700 metres in the Everest region of Nepal; volunteer in orphanages in Thailand and traverse glaciers in Peru (S.A.C. trips she co-lead with Mark Service); and teach English with her husband Adam, in remote villages in Japan and Ghana. She is also an advanced scuba diver and has skydived from 9000 feet. These exciting journeys were all carefully planned and mapped out. However, her most recent journey, and by far her most courageous, was not planned. This was her journey from mother-to-be, to cancer patient, to first-time mother, to survivor and advocate.

St. Andrew's hired Clare and her husband Adam for the fall of 2002, and they quickly became fixtures within the Andean community. Clare teaches geography in the Upper School and coaches 1st tennis and alpine skiing, while Adam teaches geography and science in the Middle School and coaches nordic skiing and rugby. Clare became a favourite among her advisees and students, who affectionately refer to her as Mrs. K, or Coach K, and regularly seek her advice and support on everything from homework and course selection, to roommate and girlfriend issues.

Campus living suited Clare and Adam, and when they left in 2005 to move into their first home they found they missed it. They decided to return in September 2006 as Assistant Housemasters





"The question was whether to keep him in longer — at this point we were only at 33 weeks, or to get him out," said Clare. "The surgeon felt the pregnancy was perhaps causing the cancer to grow faster, whereas the OB would have liked the baby to stay in longer because every day was so important for his development."

Nathan Edward was born on May 11. While the birth was an amazing experience for Clare and Adam, her doctor called it a "bittersweet moment", particularly because there were so many unknowns. Clare and Adam still did not know her prognosis or the stage of the disease.

Adam became Nathan's primary caregiver and Clare spent the next few days preparing for her mastectomy and the six months of chemotherapy that would follow. As a new mother, she was placed in a heart-breaking position surrounded by other new mothers who were able to nurse their babies. Nathan remained in the hospital throughout his mother's surgery, and the nurses brought him in to see her everyday.

In spite of the outpouring of support and the exceptional medical care they received, last summer was incredibly draining for the Kowaltschuks. Clare endured the start of her chemo in June and with every treatment, grew weaker and weaker. Spirits were lifted slightly by news in late June that the cancer had been estrogen

in Macdonald House. Accompanied by their dog Dorset, they were welcomed overnight into the Mac House family. Their evenings and weekends now revolved around supervising 80 boys, taking them on organized outings, organizing impromptu soccer games, and being on call at all hours of the day and night. Not necessarily the ideal situation for a newly pregnant Clare, who in October 2005 learned she would deliver their first child around Prize Day. But Clare and Adam were thrilled with the news and took things in stride.

In early April at 31 weeks pregnant, Clare found a lump in her left breast. She discovered it by accident rolling over in bed. Initially, her doctor told her it was a blocked milk duct. After two weeks and feeling it grow from a chickpea to the size of a plum, she insisted on seeing a surgeon. Her surgeon also felt it was nothing, but performed a biopsy just in case. She had an ultrasound the following day, and had done her research the night before. Judging by the images on the screen and the response of the radiologist, Clare remembers realizing then that she had cancer.

Clare and Adam waited an agonizing five days to get the results and confirm her most dreaded suspicions. When Clare was told the diagnosis, she remembers being confused and conflicted. On one hand she had a life growing inside her, yet she also had a rapidly growing tumour that could perhaps kill her. It seemed so contradictory. They knew they had to make some immediate decisions, the first being what to do about the baby.



*Coach Clare accompanied by (from left to right) S.A.C. students Ben Cojos, Cameron Tait and Phil Oram at the CISAA finals 2005 at Craigleith Ski Club*





Clare, Nathan and Adam on the school trails in fall 2006

**“I DON’T THINK WE CAN EVER THANK EVERYONE, I CANNOT EVEN BEGIN TO EXPLAIN HOW OVERWHELMED WE WERE BY THE LOVE AND GENEROSITY THIS COMMUNITY SHOWED US.” – Clare**

driven, the best case scenario, and now that Nathan was born – the chances that her body’s hormone levels would return to normal, were all very positive signs.

Adam shaved his head in support of his wife and upon the start of the new school year he was back in classes, and Clare was on her own to walk the campus with Nathan and experience the mixed reactions she received from students both old and new.

“A lot of them were fine with it [that she looked different], but a lot of them didn’t know how to deal with it,” explained Clare. “I didn’t like knowing they weren’t comfortable with this. I figured there was no better person to tell

them than me, and that Breast Cancer Awareness month seemed like the perfect opportunity to do it.”

Clare wasn’t sure what she would say or how, but wanted to convey to the students that she was the same person and that she was going to be okay. She sensed a level of fear of the unknown and wanted to put their minds at ease, but in doing so – approach this as a “teachable moment”.

On October 27th, she walked into Yuill Family Gymnasium to find 544 students, family members and friends, and another 150 faculty and staff waiting for her – all wearing pink t-shirts in support of her fight and courage shown against breast cancer. You could have heard a pin drop, and for that to happen at an all-boys school is remarkable. She came to personally thank everyone for the support and strength they had shown her, but also to talk about this unexpected journey she was still on, and to teach everyone awareness of the disease. At that moment everyone saw for themselves, that Mrs. K was indeed a survivor. She was very much the same person she had always been, and she was not only going to beat this disease, but had also established herself as an ambassador and spokesperson on behalf of breast cancer research.

She spoke from the heart that day and shared a very personal, touching video she made that illustrated her journey. She prefaced it by telling the boys “This is not to make you feel sad, but to lend you hope.” She succeeded on both counts and the students gave her



The Kowaltschuk family returned to their apartment in Macdonald House two weeks later to find that an entire nursery had been decorated and fully stocked in their absence. The refrigerator and freezer were full of home-cooked meals and a community was poised and ready to take on any babysitting, stroller pushing, dogwalking, cooking or cleaning needed over the next six months to help Clare, Adam and Nathan get through the journey they had ahead of them. The Ladies' Guild, teachers, students, staff and friends had come out in force to show their support and love on all levels.

a standing ovation and presented her with a cheque for \$2000 for Breast Cancer Research.

Neither Clare nor Adam had any idea what level of fundraising had been going on behind closed doors from May onward. The Prefects had

collected in Chapel the day after the school learned of her diagnosis. Staff and students made donations to wear jeans on National Denim Day in May. The Middle School Community Council organized a charity at lunch one day last spring, and friends, staff and faculty contributed the difference last October in order to make it an even \$2000. Sifton House created a fund requiring every boy who locked himself out of his room to pay a \$1 fine. Macdonald House has raised nearly \$3000 through a House Captain auction and the Christmas banquet, and the Middle School art classes are making breast cancer necklaces to sell at a later date. And Clare just found out that her colleague and friend, Keith Ramon is running the Iron Man UK Triathlon this summer with a goal to raise \$2500 for breast cancer research.

The chemotherapy treatments are now over and Clare's prognosis looks good. She recently had her fitness evaluation done, and jokes that she can only improve upon the results. She has drastically changed her eating habits, and as a family they are committed to living a healthy lifestyle. Nathan continues to thrive and Adam continues to be her dedicated knight in shining armour.

Now Clare is focused on enjoying Nathan, the joy of her life and getting her strength back. After life threatening experiences many people experience a massive change in their perspective, becoming more aware of their potential and the passage of time. However, after watching her mother die from cancer, Clare chose long ago to live with her eyes opened to the incredible opportunities life offers and has never shied away from challenge and personal growth; each day has been precious. She would like to see everyone become more aware of cancer issues, conduct breast self examinations, have annual mammograms, and become their own advocate in the health care system. One in nine women will develop breast cancer. Of those



(L-R) Clare's sister Jane Kravchencko, Jane Inglis, Clare and Natascia Stewart (shown holding Jane Inglis' daughter Hilary) accompanied Clare in the 5k Walk for the Cure in Barrie last fall. They walked approximately 2.5k along Barrie's waterfront with Adam, Nathan, Dorset and others. Next year Clare hopes to field an even larger team!





Clare speaks to students, staff and family members – all in pink t-shirts, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month

“ST. ANDREW’S AND THE KIDS HAVE INSPIRED ME TO DO THIS.” SAID CLARE. “I DID THE RUN FOR THE CURE WITH ADAM, NATHAN AND SOME FRIENDS IN OCTOBER AND WHILE I DIDN’T FINISH IT, I WAS INSPIRED TO DO MORE. I AM CONTRIBUTING ALL OF THE FUNDS THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY HAS GIVEN THUS FAR, AND WILL HELP MY TEAMMATES REACH THE REQUIRED AMOUNT AS WELL.”

diagnosed, one in three will die from it. Doctors are diagnosing women at younger and younger ages. Men can develop breast cancer too. Early detection and diagnosis can save lives.

Her other energies are focused on raising money and training for the Weekend to End Breast Cancer, which benefits Princess Margaret Hospital, taking place September 7-9. She and her team ‘Favourite Ladies’ (currently at four and growing) must raise at least \$2000 and walk the 60 km route through Toronto over the course of the weekend.

When asked whether she thinks she has embodied the definition of courage over the past year, Clare smiles and looks me straight in the eye.

“You don’t think of yourself as courageous when you have to face something like this. You do what you have to do to survive. Every parent knows that when your kids need you, you have to put them first. I was a mother more than I was a cancer victim. In many ways, I feel as though Nathan saved me.” **A**

KIM SILLCOX



# A SUMMER IN PERNAMBUCO

Colin Murphy is a grade 12 boarding student from Mexico City, and has been at St. Andrew's since grade 9. He spent last summer in Brazil, the country he was born in, volunteering with Amigos de las Américas and shares his experience in the following article.



*Colin Murphy, volunteer, actor, author and S.A.C. grade 12 student*





Colin with the children of Pernambuco

“WE BECAME TEACHERS AT THE LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, WALKING 30 MINUTES TO GET THERE EVERY DAY TO TEACH EVERYTHING FROM WATER CONSERVATION TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF DEFORESTATION.”

It's almost sundown, but we're nowhere near home, and in fact, we appear to be lost. But we don't mind: crowded into the front seat of an old pick-up truck, goats bleating incessantly in the back, our excitement builds as my partner and I realize that our project—a micro-finance goat program—is finally underway. All of the town

meetings, all of the hours spent working out logistical details with a local syndicate had led to today's trip to Sitio Jucá, a hardscrabble farm, where we purchased five pregnant goats. Dodging potholes on the dusty dirt roads, we finally find our way home to Serrote da Carreira. Night has already fallen upon this small farming town in northeastern Brazil, and we struggle to lead the goats to a fenced field for the night. We'll deliver them tomorrow to the first five families participating in the micro-finance program – heads of households so poor and unschooled that they must sign their contracts with a thumbprint. But for now, it's time to sit down with our host family for some rice and beans and join them for the evening ritual: watching the popular “novela” on TV.

Welcome to one of the most hectic and rewarding days of my two months of volunteering in Brazil's Pernambuco State with a group called Amigos de las Américas. I'm no stranger to Brazil – I was born in Rio de Janeiro and lived there for the first three and a half years of my life, but I grew up in Mexico. Although I had visited my birthplace previously, I had never been to this part of Brazil before. The northeast is the country's poorest region, its history marked by political neglect and the lives of its people made difficult by its harsh semi-arid climate. This is the land that Gabriela, in Jorge Amado's



"Gabriela, Cravo e Canela", escapes to leave behind a life of poverty and pursue a better future. There's not much to Serrote da Carreira: just a few dozen small, dilapidated houses scattered along dirt roads. The only infrastructure is a small school – there is no town center, no shops, and no church within a half hour walk. Serrote's houses stand in stark contrast to the upscale Rio de Janeiro neighborhood where I once lived, where the conspicuous lifestyle of Brazil's wealthy elite seems to mock the meager existence of its poor. As I grew older, this same contrast in Mexico bothered me more and more. I decided to go back to my Brazilian roots to learn more about a side of Brazil I had never experienced, hoping I could find a way to make a difference.

Assigned to this remote town, my partner and I adjusted to the slow pace of life in Serrote and worked with the community to find out what kind of help they wanted.

We became teachers at the local primary school, walking 30 minutes to get there every day to teach everything from water conservation to the consequences of deforestation.

We also helped build cisterns to provide families with a safe source of water when the lakes dry up each summer. At our initial town meeting, many families expressed their interest in raising goats for their milk, but they shrugged and said that they simply could not afford to buy the animals. Upon hearing this, my partner and I came up with the idea of starting a micro-finance group, with a revolving loan program so that five families could benefit at a time. There were days when we thought it wouldn't work – it was difficult to get the community to work together, and we had no idea if the proposal we drafted for funding would be approved. I will never forget the shy smiles of gratitude we received the afternoon we distributed the goats to Dona Josefina, Zé Duca, Reginaldo, José Geral and Dona Sonia.

The experience made me realize that I, as an individual, can have a significant impact on other people's lives. It also challenged me to do things I never thought I could do – teach formally in a classroom, build cisterns, and implement a micro-finance project from scratch. I further developed my love for community service, and for Brazil and its people – my people. This summer made me realize that for

"But in the end, we managed to establish the first micro-finance project of its kind that Amigos de las Américas has ever backed."



Colin with his host mother next to the cistern



the rest of my life, I will feel inextricably bound to the fate of Brazil and Latin America. It is a part of me, and I am determined to do all that I can to help make this region of the world a fairer and more developed place. **A**

COLIN MURPHY '07





# KENYA





Four trekkers contemplate Mt. Kenya. From left to right: Grade 12 students Tyler King, Greg VandeMark, Leke Akinyele and Duncan Cole.

"I AM SO THANKFUL THAT I PUSHED MYSELF TO THE TOP AS WE MADE IT JUST IN TIME TO SEE THE SUNRISE OVER THE HORIZON – A GLORIOUS SIGHT I WILL NEVER FORGET." – *Amanda Thorne*



# RAISING A SCHOOL IN KENYA



*Camaraderie and play with the children was the order of the week. And an easy one at that.*

Assaults on Everest by intrepid St. Andrew's boys seem now to be days gone by, but not so the ambitions of teachers and students to visit faraway places and undertake lofty goals.

Such was the agenda last August when 29 senior boys under the auspices of four faculty members and the Outreach Committee turned their sights on Kenya, with a view to raising tens of thousands of dollars, building a school and climbing a 5,199 metre mountain.

"Of all the trips we've done over the years, this one was by far the best," said Mark Service, faculty coordinator of the student Outreach Committee. "There was a great mix of community service and adventure and it pushed us all to new personal heights. I don't think any of us will ever forget it."

Preparations began more than a year before the actual departure date, after several committee members attending an Aurora Chamber of Commerce luncheon were bowled over by a talk from Marc, co-founder of Free the Children, an international organization dedicated to helping underprivileged children throughout the world. Subsequent meetings involved the school in the organization's Brick by Brick school-building project. Discussions focused quickly on a trip to Kenya to build a schoolhouse for a community in need. Before long, plans were in place and fundraising began at St. Andrew's.

"We raised funds during the school year and ended up with \$32,000 to support the project," says Mark. "This paid for the school construction, desks, blackboards, school supplies for the children, medical supplies, the teacher's salary for two years, a place for the teacher to live and



# -BRICK BY BRICK

For many of the group, these five days of hard work were an emotional highlight of the trip. As faculty member Amanda Thorne points out:

**“THE CHILDREN OF THE AREA HAD SO LITTLE – A TATTERED SCHOOL UNIFORM, A STUB OF A PENCIL AND SOME SCRAPS OF PAPER. SOME COULDN’T AFFORD SHOES. YET DESPITE THEIR OBVIOUS POVERTY, THE CHILDREN WERE SO HAPPY AND SO APPRECIATIVE OF THE WORK WE WERE DOING FOR THEM. IT WAS HUMBLING FOR ALL OF US.”**

a fresh water well for the community. We were even able to provide sewing machines for the families of children attending the school to help those families generate income.” Money was raised at S.A.C. through casual dress days, pledge drives, a 30-hour famine, an African concert, a raffle, and other initiatives organized by the Outreach Committee. Twenty-nine boys signed up for the trip, each paying his own way to Africa.

The ‘crew’ left on August 3, spent one day in Nairobi, then headed to the Massai Mara area of Kenya – essentially a central compound of teaching huts where local children receive whatever education they can get. For the next five days, 33 Andreans under the direction of four local foremen built a one-room stone structure, including digging and laying a foundation.



*Trip organizer Mark Service schmoozes with one of the locals.*

Bonds were immediately forged between the privileged St. Andrew’s boys and the young, impoverished African children. “I was so impressed and touched by our boys during that week,” says Mark Service. “After all the physical work they were doing, you’d think that during their downtime they would just want to go off and hangout together. But instead they gravitated toward the local children, playing with them, teaching them some of our language, learning some of theirs, teaching them baseball and learning their games.”

“Many of the boys were quite saddened when we left and kept telling me how much they missed the kids. It was obvious that they felt very sincere about their work.”

But all good things must end even as others start. Pretty soon the group was off to one of the greatest challenges of their young lives: assailing the 5,199-metre peak of Mt. Kenya. You might think a good time would be had by all, but in fact the challenge was daunting. Some weeks earlier a similar group had made the same trek and less than one-third of that group reached the summit in the face of fatigue, logistical difficulties and altitude sickness.

Wisely, the St. Andrew’s team decided to take one extra day to acclimatize to the altitude. They took four days for the ascent, coping with fatigue, nausea, headaches, dizziness and shortness of breath. On summit day they climbed out of their tents at 2 a.m. and wound their way up the final metres in a surreal line of 28 people snaking along with headlamps illuminating the dark mountainside.



**“Our boys are living philanthropy from the grassroots of fundraising to the hands-on practical implementation of the funds they raise. They are truly ‘making a difference’ around the world.”** – JIM HERDER, DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

In all, 26 of 29 who attempted the climb made it. Amanda Thorne recalls, “On the way up for the final ascent, I had two boys with me who wanted to give up and go back down. They were fully capable of getting up that mountain, while I was almost certainly the one least likely to succeed. So I made it my responsibility to make sure none of us gave up.”

What could follow two such memorable weeks? The group went white-water rafting, body surfing and cliff diving on the Napo River near Nairobi, followed by a four-day safari, complete with elephants, leopards, cheetahs, giraffes, zebras, and lions feeding on a fresh kill and fending off vultures.

A memorable August it was – physical and emotional challenges on top of the self-knowledge gained from living with and helping those who must do without.

What’s in the future for the Outreach Committee? “In 2007,” explains Mark, “we’re planning on raising \$20,000 for a trip to Ecuador. We’ll do some building, cultural workshops, hiking in the Andes, white water rafting in the Amazon River Basin, and we’ll finish with a trip to the Galapagos Islands. It should be spectacular.” **A**

JIM MCGILLIVRAY



*At work on the school house in Massai Mara*

“I also engaged myself in community service hours and supporting our grade 11 trip this summer to build a school house in Kenya. The goal for the trip was to raise \$30,000 to buy the needed materials to build the school, pay for the teacher, and pay for all school supplies, etc. So far, I have been to two of the activities for supporting this trip and raising money. The first activity I did was a 7 hour sit-in where we learned about some of the issues that plague Africa such as poverty, hunger and AIDS. This opened up my eyes to these problems and made me want to do something about it. The next activity that I took part in was the 30 hour famine and the whole point of it was to understand, and feel the pain and suffering that many Africans have to go through every day. After experiencing the hunger it made me sad to think that not only do thousands and thousands of people have to go through this every day, but that those people don’t know when they’re going to get food next.”

JAMES STAINER '09





Greg VandeMark engages the local fauna

# “...ALTERED MY LIFE FOREVERMORE”

In December graduating student Greg VandeMark shared some of his memories and feelings around the August Outreach/Free the Children trip to Kenya:

## WHY DID YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TRIP?

I wanted to make a difference in the world! Being part of the Andean community and a contributor to the 'Free the Children' project, I wanted to be able to see where our money was going. Many people can say that they have raised money for certain charities, but few ever follow through with them and can say "Yeah, I built a school. I know that I made a difference because I saw that difference."

## WHAT WAS YOUR OWN PERSONAL HIGH POINT AND WHY?

I think the others would agree that there was more than one, especially since this was a very diverse trip. In the end, I'd have to go with the opening ceremonies of the School Building project. It was overwhelming to be immersed into their culture and welcomed with open arms. I will never forget the sound of the children laughing and singing. I was lifted to a better place, as the children embraced us with their curious faces and inspiring smiles. When the children sang their songs and performed their dance I felt like the whole world could be inspired to make change. It was hard not to feel that way.

## WAS THERE A LOW POINT FOR YOU?

The only low point I recall was homesickness. This occurred throughout the trip, but I believe it made us all stronger individuals who could better appreciate the luxuries we enjoy in the western world. Things like a working shower, comfortable bed, or even a complete meal which may have been taken for granted, are now more appreciated. But we all missed our families and friends.

## WHAT PART OF THE TRIP MOST AFFECTED YOUR VIEW OF THE LIFE YOU LIVE AND WHY?

Both the School Building project and climb up Mount Kenya altered my life. With the climbing aspect of the trip, I was challenged on all levels, spiritually, mentally and physically: three of the four pillars which our school's mission statement encompasses. As I scaled the peak, fear was definitely something on my mind, fear of falling, fear of injury and failure. Or when my muscles were fatigued, my lungs out of breath, and my skin exposed to the freezing temperatures. I could have simply shut down and taken a break. But for some reason I kept going. I didn't stop and in doing so, I accomplished some goals that were very important to me. **A**





# SACTV

## CHECK IT OUT!

WHAT BETTER WAY TO APPEAL TO THE STUDENT BODY ALREADY ENAMORED WITH THE VISUAL MEDIUM OF THE LAPTOP ENVIRONMENT, THAN TO BE ABLE TO DOWNLOAD A NEWS SHOW CENTERED AROUND THEIR OWN SCHOOL.

At St. Andrew's, the students are given the freedom and encouragement to propose their own ideas for new clubs and student directed initiatives. SACTV was conceived from such an interest. Its humble beginnings can be found in the early film clubs where boys wanted to study and make their own movies. With the advent of the laptop and more accessible editing software, student-made films began to take on a more serious tone. S.A.C. film competitions and festival showings have gradually evolved into what is now known as SACTV.


When several boys embraced the challenge offered to them by Assistant Headmaster, Student Life, Mr. Courtenay Shrimpton to create their own club last year – St. Andrew's first web-based TV show was born. The idea was proposed by Ben Kitagawa, a computer science teacher who immediately recognized the tremendous possibilities for such a club. He had been tinkering with several ideas himself concerning technology and the dissemination of information about S.A.C. He asked Fraser Cowell, a fellow film enthusiast and English teacher at the school, to co-found the student directed SACTV. It would include three senior producers, Kang-Il Kim, Joseph Ghobrial, and Duncan Cole with reporters, anchors, and video editors from the student body. These students' intense love for film and editing was a natural fit for a television broadcast.

With so many things going on each week, until now there hadn't been a proper channel to share with the community all of the facets that make S.A.C. unique. SACTV's mandate was to represent the school

in all its glory, from the notable to the extraordinary. We wanted to offer a bird's eye view of the multitude of events our students take part in, and capture that in a professional broadcast every three weeks.

On September 22, 2006, the first broadcast aired during a morning assembly. Stories included: the birth of SACTV; new staff introductions; tips for rookie students; the U14 Soccer team; the U16 Football team; and the First Volleyball team. The professionally produced show was enthusiastically received by all, and has created the demand for subsequent episodes. Students and teachers alike are now hooked on the idea of appearing on the newscast. And parents and alumni look forward to viewing future broadcasts online!

"I check the new SACTV site often, and am thoroughly impressed with it," reports recent alumnus **Adam Laing '06**. "I check it every other week, and am always thrilled to see a new episode. I have spoken to some of the other guys I graduated with, and they also keep up-to-date with what is going on through those hilarious clips."

All episodes are archived for viewing on the SACTV website at <http://kilby.sac.on.ca/S.A.C.%20TV/>. 

FRASER COWELL



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*Memories**Headmasters Office 1907***100 YEARS AGO****1906-07 Headmaster: Dr. D. Bruce Macdonald***Excerpt from the Easter 1907 Review*

On the evening of February 6, 1907, a highly successful dance was given by the Officers and men of the Cadet Corps. The Assembly Hall was transformed by a wealth of palms and flowers, while the artistic arrangement of rifles and many flags imparted a truly military character to the spacious room. The brilliant uniforms of the hosts, and of many visitors who came in regimentals, mingled with the dainty gowns of the young ladies, formed a scene that was unusually picturesque and attractive.

Dr. and Mrs. Macdonald, assisted by Lieut. Duncanson gave a cordial welcome to the many guests for whom a good floor, excellent music and agreeable partners left nothing to be desired. Cozy nooks were arranged in various corners as resting-places and the dances were heralded by bugle and drum in fine military fashion. The programmes were tastefully gotten up in the College colours and supper was served in the dining hall, the tables being lighted by the soft glow of many crimson shaded candles and decorated with roses and carnations.

Dancing was kept up until a late hour, the hearty encores to each number testifying to a universal appreciation of the good-natured orchestra who were lavish in their generous responses.

**75 YEARS AGO****1931-32 Headmaster: Dr. D. Bruce Macdonald***Excerpt from the Mid-Summer 1932 Review*

The thirty-second annual athletic meeting of the College was held on Wednesday, May 18, and the weatherman granted a most glorious day. It seemed to be a day of thrills and climaxes for everyone, as during the past week the preliminaries had been run and now came the final events with the cups for junior and senior championships to be won.

A knot of judges appeared at the track and drifted down to the starting point. Then a bugler in scarlet tunic sounded the school call on his shining trumpet and presto, the opening event was about to commence. The senior championship was awarded to Jim Smith and the junior to young Harold Cox. The many other medals and Form cakes were arrayed on a table draped with the Union Jack.

A few minutes before five many were attracted to the Gymnasium (now the Wirth Art Centre) where a small dance was held. The fellows, seemingly anxious to exercise their dancing limbs which had not been used since Easter, said a hurried good-bye to their parents and rushed the young ladies off to the sound of music which came floating through the door of Dunlap Hall.

The National Anthem, just before six-thirty called a halt to a gala afternoon, the many feminine voices stilled their chatter, the Andreans stood rigidly at attention and as the last notes died away, another Sports Day came to an end.





## 50 YEARS AGO

1956-57 Headmaster: Mr. Kenneth G. B. Ketchum

*Excerpt from the Mid-Summer 1957 Review*

This year, the school Variety Night was a bigger success than ever. From the moment the curtain opened to the gorgeous "St. Andru's Follies" until the closing strains of the National Anthem, there was never a dull moment. The highlights of the evening are hard to pick out at random because of the high standard of entertainment set this year. The team of Meuller and Walker, along with that of the ever hilarious Coulson and Gordon succeeded in tearing the school apart (in fun of course). Elsewhere, the memorable barbershop skit of "Wild Root Kendall" and "Jack the Razor Wright" was a highlight in humour. Musically, Ross from Lower School, renditioned a tune on his harmonica, Bill Horne wailed a blues tune and later with the calypso rhythms of Vaughan, sang "Mary-Anne". Horne also sang "Love Me Tender" and to the amazement of all visitors present, the Little Theatre (now the Class of 1954 Archives) vibrated with "Elvis" screams from a very appreciative audience.

The finale was a well rehearsed modern jazz trio headed by Jimmy Wyse on trumpet and vibraphone with Bill Osborne on keys and George Brunt on skins. They played such tunes as "The Lady is a Tramp" and "Blues in the Closet".

This concluded another Variety Night and everyone present had a very enjoyable evening.

## 25 YEARS AGO

1981-82 Headmaster: Mr. Robert P. Bedard

*Excerpt from The Toronto Star – March 30, 1982*

St. Andrew's College Saints, upset winners of the Ontario High School Hockey Championships, are currently on a whirlwind tour of Finland, Russia and Sweden.

The Saints defeated favoured Fort Frances Muskies 3-2 to win their first Ontario title. The victory was the first for an independent school since 1948. St. Andrew's defeated Hearst Nordiques 6-5, Fort Frances 3-1 and London's Saunders Sabres 3-2 and tied Upper Canada College 3-3 on their way to the final. In a semi-final encounter with Windsor Assumption, right winger Doug Coulson scored with 34 seconds remaining to give the Saints a 4-3 victory and a ticket to the finals.

The championship caps a remarkable turnabout after St. Andrew's mediocre 1980-81 campaign when they had six victories, eight losses and a tie.

"I've got to take most of the blame for last season" said coach Al Dunford. Before coming to St. Andrew's as a math teacher last year, Dunford served as an assistant to Roger Neilson who coached the Toronto Maple Leafs and Buffalo Sabres of the National Hockey League.





1946

# Bill Errington

**Bill Errington '46** passed away in Newmarket on Sunday, October 1, 2006. Bill practiced law for over 50 years and was a partner with the firm Stiver Vale Leck Monteith. His wife Elizabeth (Buffy) pre-deceased him and he leaves his daughter Jane. The St. Andrew's legacy ran strong in Bill's life. Four sons followed in his footsteps: **John '72**, **Robert '74**, **James '76** and **Lindsay '79**, as well as his brothers **Joseph '46**, and *the late Philip '49*. Bill served on the Board of Governors of S.A.C. from 1984-89. Bill and Buffy created the Errington Awards, which are presented each Prize Day to graduating students who have made a distinguished contribution to life at S.A.C. and are among the most prestigious at the school.



*Bill Errington 1st Hockey (1946)*



1946

**Gordon Ecclestone** passed away in April 2005. Gordon was a fine athlete and played on first football and hockey while at St. Andrew's. He graduated from the University of Toronto where he received his law degree and went on to practice criminal law for over 35 years. Gordon leaves behind five children and 14 grandchildren.

1947

**Sandy Leishman** passed away in March 2005. Sandy's brother **Edward '43**, father **George '14**, and nephew **David '68** all attended St. Andrew's College.

1950



**Jaime de la Macorra** passed away on December 23, 2006 in the city of Cuernavaca, an hour's drive from Mexico City, his permanent home. Jaime was an ardent Andrean and served the school from 1994-2002 as a member of the Board of Governors. Jaime received his B.Sc. degree in Chemical Engineering and Honors Mention from the School of Chemical Sciences at the National University of Mexico. He became an active Rotarian and was involved in many professional activities throughout his life. At various times, Jaime and his wife Cecilia spent considerable time living in the U.K., northeastern U.S. and France, where they both attended specialized courses in diverse subjects and became fluent in the French language. Jaime leaves his wife Cecilia, his children Ana, **Jamie '93**, Ceci, and a grandson, **Pablo '03**. Jaime's brothers **Jose Carlos '38**, **Gustavo '49** and **Luis '52** all attended St. Andrew's as well.

1959

**Peter Hyndman** passed away on September 8, 2006 at the age of 64. Peter was a BC cabinet minister in the Bill Bennett administration. Peter was an intelligent, warm and funny individual who loved everything about life.



**Colin Robertson** passed away in Glasgow on December 2, 2006 at the age of 66. His wife Irene wrote "Courage may be a trait instilled at St. Andrew's, if so, he did you proudly. Our sons chose 'Fight the Good Fight' as the first hymn at his funeral." Colin attended the school from 1949-56 from grades 4 through 10 and then completed high school at Fettes College in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1958. He joined the City of Glasgow Police Force in 1963, later they became the well known Strathclyde. He performed normal police duties and was an Instructor at various times over the years. His involvement included community service, and he ended his career as a Police Inspector at Paisley, Scotland. On retirement he became a very active volunteer for the Royal National Institute for the Blind, tirelessly raising money and helping others. Irene wrote "Their letter for Colin's passing read like a C.V. for heaven." For years during Colin's good health he was a faithful blood donor "Andreans do seem to be public spirited," Irene said. In addition to his wife, Colin leaves his sons Allan [Jill] and Neil, two grandchildren and his brother **Ian Robertson '57**.

1961

**David Lay** passed away in his sleep December 3rd. David attended S.A.C. from 1955 to 1961. He is survived by his beloved wife Ann, brothers and sisters, John, Robbie, Mary, James, Charles and his step-mother Beth Lay.



1938

**Eric Rogers** and his wife Brenda are now permanent residents of Mexico. They live in the town of Ajijic on the northern shore of Lake Chapala, Mexico's largest lake. A retired doctor, Eric reports he has had good medical experiences with Mexico's health system as a patient!

1944

**John Lowndes** retired on June 30, 2006 after a 53 year career in law. He practiced with the firm Ricketts, Farly and Lowndes for 31 years and when that firm merged and became Ricketts, Harris & Keachie, he continued with them for a year and a half. After that John practiced on his own for another 20 years. He would highly recommend a law career to any younger Andreans considering it.

1951



L-R (standing) Basil Rodomar '51 & Bob Dingman '52  
(seated) James Mainprize S.A.C. 1962-66, Stan MacFarlane  
S.A.C. 1947-1982 & Michael Adamson '44 S.A.C. 1949-62.

**Basil Rodomar** and **Bob Dingman '51** hosted a luncheon at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club on January 29th in honour of Stan MacFarlane, long serving master at St. Andrew's 1947-1982. It was a very enjoyable occasion with Stan as sharp as ever.

1952

**Richard Barr** started playing the pipes at St. Andrew's in 1945. The first tune he learned was "Road to the Isles." In June of 2005, at the 50th reunion of his class at Dartmouth College, Dick played Amazing Grace in front of 500 people at the Memorial Service with the same set of Henderson pipes he had at S.A.C.!

1959

**Alf Wirth** founded the investment firm Wirth Associates Inc. in 1992, and has been a highly respected investor for over four decades. He is particularly well known for his expertise with foreign markets dating back to the 1960's when he was an analyst in Sun Life's London office. In early February Wirth Associates Inc. became an affiliate of Cumberland Private Wealth Management Inc. of Toronto. The Wirth group also adds three senior analysts with a track record of consistently strong investment performance in global markets. Alf continues as a Trustee of the S.A.C. Foundation, a position he has held for over 25 years.



1963

**Gage Love** married Sandra Smith July 8, 2006.

1964

**Bob Williams** has been named a vice-chairman of Scotia Capital Inc. in Toronto. Bob has spent nearly four decades with the firm, the past 10 years leading Scotia's capital markets business. He continues as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the S.A.C. Foundation.



1967

**Geoff Higgs** is pictured with a group of Andreans in Nassau in January (L-R) **Geoff, Ray Pyfrom '65**, Kevin McHenry, Assistant Headmaster of S.A.C., Dolly Moffat-Lynch, Associate Director of Admission and Joyce

Higgs. Geoff and Joyce's son Spencer graduated from St. Andrew's in 2006.



1969

**David Kaufman** and his wife Marie, own and operate Junktiques, a Calgary furniture refinishing, restoration and reproduction business. They specialize in custom made pine country furniture, architectural rarities, religious artifacts and antiques.

**Rob McEwen** CEO of U.S. Gold & Lexam and his wife Cheryl have been honoured by Tiffany & Co. with the 2006 Tiffany Mark Award. The Tiffany Mark Award honours men and women who are making their "mark" professionally and in their community through tireless efforts on behalf of charities and organizations they are committed to.



1972



**Gary Redwood** married Susie Minchella on October 29, 2007 in the Memorial Chapel at St. Andrew's. The service was performed by S.A.C.'s Rev. Bruce Roffey one week before Gary completed his third Ironman competition



in Florida. Quite the honeymoon! Gary is a Project Leader for Scotia Capital Markets Group, managing their precious metals and security lending applications. Susie and Gary live in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

1976



**Eric Jolliffe** spoke to the Upper School students at St. Andrew's Night on November 30th. That evening he presented **Duncan Cole '07** of the Bahamas with his bar to First Class Clan Colours for Sifton House. Eric, who is Deputy Chief of Police for York Region, joined the Board of Directors of St. Andrew's in September.



1979



**Barry Gray '79**, **Tom Omstead '79** and **Ron Schmidt '79** met at the top of Mont Ventoux in France in May 2006. Tom and Ron were cycling in Provence independently while Barry was there as support guide for an Ashby's Europe cycling tour.

**John Mortimer** and his wife Chris announce the birth of their second son, Micah Woods Mortimer on November 2, 2006. Zachary, four years old, is the proud older brother.

1980



**Alex Robertson** spent 20 years as a Navigator in the Canadian Air Force and was then offered a chance to remain in Comox, British Columbia. He thoroughly enjoyed his time in the military and it was a very difficult decision to retire from the close knit organization. However, he and his family wanted to stay in this beautiful part of Canada close to their relatives, and this would not be possible without a career change. Alex is now working at the Comox Airport as the Deputy Operations Manager. The airport is located on the Air Force base, which has allowed him to maintain close ties to the military community. The transition to a new job has been challenging yet interesting, and the excitement of the airport remains the same for Alex today as it did when he began traveling back and forth to S.A.C. from Vancouver in the 1970's.

1981

**Angus Elliott** attended Homecoming 2006 with his new bride Gwen Finhert Elliott. Angus is the Business Development Manager for ETRATECH Inc. in Burlington.

**Tim Herbinson** has moved back from Mexico and has been working for Green Shield since May 2005 in Toronto as the Senior Account Executive. Green Shield is a group health and dental insurer. Tim and his wife Ericka have two sons.



1982

**Kevin Freer** has joined GMAC Commercial Finance, Toronto as Vice President of the company's structure finance division.

**Trevor Juniper** was recently appointed General Manager, Schering-Plough China, for its pharmaceutical business based in Shanghai. He most recently served as Senior Director, Regional Marketing, Primary Care, Asia-Pacific Region in Australia and Asia for four years. He and his wife and two children, Rachel and Eric are living in Shanghai.

**Martin Twiss** has moved to Peterborough and is now the Principal Assistant to the Director of Education at the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board.

1984

**Paul Keating** and his wife Kathy and daughter Ava would like to introduce you to...Mack Dawd Keating. Born September 29th, (the day after his daddy's birthday).

**Struan Robertson** has established Struan Robertson & Associates, consulting in the fields of research, strategy and planning, brand marketing leadership and facilitation.

1985

**Richard Costley-White** completed his third and final term as a Trustee of the S.A.C. Foundation in September 2006. Richard continues to build his radio business in Southwestern Ontario.

**Drew Hickey** has moved with his family to London, England. Drew joined Scotia Waterous in April 2006 and is a Managing Director in the London office. He is responsible for business development and project execution.



**Rich Wilson** is currently working as Executive Vice President at Resolver Inc., a governance, risk management, and compliance software



company in Toronto. Richard, his wife Heidi, and their son Peter would like to announce the birth of Victoria Jane Kueber Wilson on August 14, 2006.

## 1986



(L-R) Gary, Geri-Lee, Kirsten Eide, Drew, Tom Capling '88, Mark Hamilton '94 and Frank Volckmar '81. Anyone relocating to Sydney let us know.

**Drew Eide** is the new Branch President for the S.A.C. Association in Australia! In February he hosted a branch reunion to welcome Gary Godkin, Director of Administration of S.A.C. and his wife Geri-Lee.

**Doug Metcalfe** and his wife Pam are currently living in Toronto with their two children Spencer and Jacob. Doug is the VP Sales and Marketing for Nulogx, a logistics software and consulting firm based in downtown Toronto.

**Richey Rea** is teaching at a secondary school on the east coast of England, in the town of Lowestoft. Prior to this position, Richey had been the landlord and head chef at a village pub for the past two years.

**P.J. Thwaites** is now the Managing Director for Humidity Control Services Limited in Kingston, Jamaica, Peter has three children: Peter John born in 1997, Racquel Alexis in 1998 and Chloe Ann in 2000.

**Charlie Wakim** earned his undergrad degree and went to law school at Laval in Quebec, and has been in New York since graduation. He is involved in immigration and naturalization matters, and has his own investment firm specializing in private equity placements.



## 1987



*Ian Hayman '86, Conrad Bona '87 and Michael Stuempel '84 met in Tokyo before Conrad left for London. Conrad wrote "it may have been better for The Andrian to have a better background" for this picture as it could have been taken in downtown Aurora!"*

**Conrad Bona** and Yasmina are elated to announce the birth of their first child on August 29, 2006. Tristan Alexandre Bona was born in Tokyo, Japan. Yasmina is well and Tristan is very healthy, or "genki" as the Japanese say. Unfortunately, Tristan will not have an opportunity to learn any Japanese as the family was transferred back to London, England in November. Conrad continues to practice law with Baker & MacKenzie, LLP.

**Jan Freyman** and his wife Lisa, and children Anna 5, and Luke 4, have moved from Singapore to Halifax, Nova Scotia "after 10 great years in Asia". Jan has joined CGI as a Senior Delivery Manager for Special Projects in their Atlantic Global Delivery Center. He attended the University of Quebec at Montreal MBA program, which is run at the Warsaw School of Economics in Poland. He was also awarded a Diploma of Special Studies from the Warsaw School of Economics and then earned his LLB at the University of London.

**Steven Gardiner** is the International Student Recruitment Officer with Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador. Steve graduated from Memorial in 1991 with a B.A. in Economics and from Heriot-Watt University Edinburgh, Scotland with an MBA in 2001.

**J.P. Hoffman** and Effie announce the birth of their son Ian Marc on May 26, 2006 in Fairfax, Virginia. A brother for Nathalie 3. J.P. is a patent attorney at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in McLean, Virginia.

**Simon Murfitt** has recently joined Clifford Chance, a global law firm, in their Hong Kong office.

## 1988

**Ken Cameron** went to McGill and then finished his master's degree at the University of Calgary. He has remained in Calgary ever since. Ken is working at what he loves best – theatre and writing – and is the CEO of Alberta Playwrights Network. He was recently named by Calgary Inc. magazine as one of the Top 40 Under 40 Class of 2006, which is an annual list of 40 Calgarians under the age of 40 who are excelling in their careers and giving back to the community. Ken married Rita Bozi on July 23, 2005.

**Alejandro Chacon** is working as the Advisory Coordinator of the Secretary of Transportation and Communications, reporting directly to the Secretary of the new Mexican federal administration, inaugurated on December 1, 2006. The Secretariat for Communications and Transportation is the Mexican government's equivalent to the U.S. Department of Transportation. The job entails coordinating the efforts of the three undersecretaries (Communications, Infrastructure and Transport), and the Coordination of Ports, when they have to work together for the Secretary's Office. Alejandro is also the Secretariat's liaison with the Economic Cabinet at the Office of the President. Prior to this appointment he was working at the Transition Team of President Calderon, dealing with economic policy issues. Alejandro previously worked for the federal government as an advisor for the National Bank for Works and Public Services, and immediately before that for the Chief of Staff of President Zedillo. Prior to that he was in the private sector working as a freelance consultant, and for Kroll as Business Intelligence Director in Mexico City.





**John Comfort** his wife Deborah and two sons, Alexander 4 and John 2, have recently relocated from Toronto to Fredericton, New Brunswick. It has always been a dream of theirs to live down East and raise their family there. John is continuing his work in the film and television industry, and his wife Deborah has recently taken a position with TD Waterhouse as an Investment Advisor. John wanted to personally thank his parents for the fortunate opportunity of attending S.A.C., as well as all the headmasters, teachers, and employees past and present.

**Daniel Elder** and his wife Jenn, announce the birth of their daughter Brooke.

**Rob Hiscox** moved from New York to London, England. Robert works with Arbaon Hiscox Ltd.

**Kevin Kilmer** and his wife Elaine are pleased to announce the arrival of Lexi Grace, born October 11, 2006. She is adored by her brother Riley (1988) and sister Hannah (2003).



(L-R) Craig, Tori holding Henry, Mary Hockin and Rev. Bruce Roffey. (Rear) Tom Hockin.

**Craig Laurence** married Victoria (Tori) Hockin in February 2006. Tori is the younger daughter of Tom and Mary Hockin and sister of **Tom '93**. Their son, Henry Donald Thomas Laurence was baptized by Rev. Bruce Roffey, Chaplain of St. Andrew's in the Memorial Chapel, on February 25, 2007. Tom Hockin served as the fifth Headmaster of St. Andrew's from 1974-1981. Craig works at Canadian Tire

in their Corporate Strategy Group. Victoria is an advertising and marketing executive in Toronto.

**Anthony Reid** has recently moved to Edmonton where he is teaching grades 4, 5 and 6 French as well as grade 4 science at Millwoods Christian School. He is so busy with teaching and balancing personal life that "Mouse" now wonders how his teachers did it at S.A.C.!

**Nick Tsioros** and his wife Carolyn (Buffy) welcome their third daughter, Gabriella, who was born on February 13, 2007, a little sister for Cassandra 8 and Samantha 4. Nick continues to teach grade 9 physical education and grade 12 exercise science at S.A.C. He joined the faculty in 1994.

#### 1989



**Jason Callender** recently hosted classmate **Jake Bullen '89** (right) and a group of Jake's clients at Albany House in the Bahamas. Jason is Managing Director of Park Ridge Securities Corp., a development company owned by Tavistock Group, Tiger Woods and Ernie Els. After recently completing the Old Fort Bay development (the Bahamas), Jason is now developing Albany (the Bahamas) and is also involved in a new luxury resort development project called Harmony Cove in Jamaica. Jake is a partner at Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP in Toronto. He practices corporate law with an emphasis on mergers & acquisitions and public and private financing.

**Peter Hickey** married Wendy Rinella in Toronto on June 11, 2006. He is now working in the advertising industry in Toronto.

**Oscar Ip** visited St. Andrew's over the Christmas holidays. He hadn't been on campus since graduation and enjoyed seeing both the old and the new. Oscar works with Canada Post and lives in Toronto with his wife Michelle and daughters Helene 6 and Chloe 3.

**Kevin Worry** lives and works in Victoria, BC. He currently operates a clinic specializing in blending both Eastern and Western medical specialties.

#### 1990



**Chris Armaly** met with Assistant Headmaster and Director of Academics Kevin McHenry, who was in the Bahamas on an Admissions trip in January. Pictured above are Kevin, Chris and his father.

**Eric Jackson** recently relocated to Naples, Florida due to the growth of his firm's business in the U.S. The firm, Jackson Leadership, is a leadership and strategy consulting firm. Eric and his wife Jennifer had their first baby on July 13, 2005 – a son named Cole Alexander.

**Joe Morin** and his wife Rebecca are thrilled to announce the birth of Stafford Kerr and Staunton James, born December 18, 2006 at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto; twin brothers for Fiona, aged 2. Belinda Morin and Ted and Jane Staunton are the proud grandparents.

**Tim Stuempel** and his wife Tammy announce the birth of their second child, son Phoenix Qainnaq born in 2006. Tim is a part-time professor of Aboriginal Peoples and Justice at the University of Ottawa. He also is involved in consulting and research in the area of criminal justice policy and programming. He coaches whitewater slalom and recreational kayak/canoe.



1991

**Rich Abbott** has been in the recruitment industry for the past 10 years working with leading Canadian companies in the field, and he has recently started his own agency called Value Added Recruiting. He married Sandra four years ago and they are expecting their first child in June. Richard and Sandra live in Burlington, ON.

**John Garrigan** and his wife Catherine had a baby girl – Ashlyn Kathleen born in La Jolla, California on August 28, 2006. She looks more like her mom than her dad – “which is a very, very good thing,” says John.



**Lee Gooding** owns a small gift store which his wife Chantelle runs, and he is the Property Manager for Millennium Heights in Barbados. **Jason McFarlane '87** works with him. Lee and Chantelle have two children, Jesse 4 and Mitchell 2.

**Rob Hobbs** is now the General Manager of Home Depot in London, Ontario.

**Cecil Lee** and his wife Winnie welcomed their first child Andre Michael in January. Cecil and his family live in Toronto.

**Blair McPherson** and wife Karen are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Briggs Wilfred, on February 10, 2007 in London, England; a brother for Lynch, 5th grandchild for John and Gail Patterson, and 9th grandchild for Don and Gayle McPherson.

**Andrew Metcalfe** and his wife Paddi-Anne announce the birth of their son, Henry Crossin Metcalfe in 2006.

**James Morgan** is living in New York and is Vice President of HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., in the field of investment banking.

**Paul Sadlon** married his wife Kara on January 12, 2002 and celebrated the birth of their daughter Devyn Elizabeth on October 11, 2005. He is General Manager of Paul Sadlon Motors in Barrie.

**Steve Skovhøj** and Susan celebrated the birth of their second child, Carly Jacqueline on July 31, 2006, a sister for Owen 1.

**Jason Williams** announces the birth of his daughter Calista on September 11, 2006. Jason, his wife and daughter currently reside in the Turks & Caicos Islands and keep a residence in Toronto.



1992

**Andy Kawai** has recently moved to Nevada where he is the Vice President of Development Funding Group.

**Ian Lee** visited S.A.C. in February. It was the first time he has been back to the school since his graduation and he was very impressed with all of the new changes. Since graduating from Queen's University, Ian has been living and working in Hong Kong.

**Ian Michael** has been made a partner in the Business Law Group of McCarthy Tétrault in Toronto. He will carry on a corporate law practice involving mergers & acquisitions and corporate finance. In addition to the law business, Ian is still trying to stay handy by working on his 1976 Triumph TR6 and a 1964 mahogany boat. Last August, he and **Jeff Lewis '95** flew to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to take in the sights at the world's biggest aviation show.

**Courtney Powers** completed his MBA at the University of Texas at Austin in 2004. Courtney now works as the Director of Research at Battenkill Capital in New Orleans, Louisiana.

1993

**Bernie Micalizzi** graduated with his MBA in May 2006 from Queen's University in Charlotte, North Carolina. He continues to work for his family's business, Alpha Glass Machinery, in North Carolina and doesn't miss the cold Canadian winters. Sadly Bernie's wife Jennepher passed away on January 8, 2006.

1994

**Ian Cragg** now works for Monster Mortgage as a Mortgage Consultant.



**Victor Hyman** has been working for Premi-Air Heating and Air Conditioning as the Service Manager for the last year. He was hired to streamline operations and implement procedures to help the company to continue to grow in a manageable way. The company does residential and commercial service, maintenance and new construction in the GTA. On a personal note, Victor and his wife Sara have 3 children. Devorah is 6, Orly is almost 5, and Yossi is 2. The older girls are enrolled in a private Jewish (Orthodox) girls' day school in Toronto. Yossi will be starting school in September.

**Michael Parent** has joined the professional services firm, Deloitte Inc. He will be working in the consulting services group as a senior consultant specializing in corporate strategy and operations. Michael graduated from the Richard Ivey School of Business with an MBA in 2005.

**Alexander von Arb** married Salla Luukka on December 10, 2004 in Helsinki. The couple welcomed their first child Ronja Amanda on March 31, 2005. Alex completed his second degree in 2006 at the Helia University of Business



and Applied Science and is currently working for two companies: Filmkompaniet and Point Alvin as a Marketing and E-commerce Manager. Alex reports "if anybody ever has the urge to come to Finland, please feel free to contact me."

## 1995

**Kai Brown** is an Associate in the Business Law Group at McCarthy Tetrault in Toronto. He has a general corporate and commercial practice, which includes corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and securities. Kai received his B.Sc. (Science) from the University of Waterloo in 1999, his M.F.S. (Forensic Science) from National University (California) in 2002, and his LLB from the University of Windsor in 2005. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 2006.

**Helmut Kellen** married Medon Phomphakdy in the S.A.C. chapel on July 30, 2006. **Paul Etherington '95** was the best man and **Mike Tzembelicos '95** was a groomsman. Other Andreans in attendance included **Mark Etherington '92**, **Sean Etherington '94**, **Darren McNair '95**, and **Derek Bulas '95**.

**Johan Nusaputra** married Mira Ali on July 16, 2006 in the S.A.C. Memorial Chapel.

**John Schienke** and Christina announce the birth of their daughter, Tiana Marie on July 3, 2006 in Richmond Hill; a little sister for Matthew and Nicholas.

**Andrew Vong** received his MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business, UWO in 2006. He is working as a Consultant with JP Morgan.

## 1996



**Julian Battiston** misses his fun days at S.A.C., but feels fortunate to say that many rewarding experiences have come about since then.

Yasmine Ziya and Julian were married on September 30th at Blessed Sacrament Church in Toronto, which was followed by a reception at the Liberty Grand. They had three fabulous weeks in Turkey and Italy for their honeymoon.

**Darryl Bishop** married Mabel Pang on January 6, 2007 in the S.A.C. chapel. His cousin, **Jason Allan '98** acted as witness. Darryl and Mabel are moving to Australia, where Darryl will continue his studies.

**David Dunlap** completed a BComm from Queen's University in 2000, and then opted to take a different route and enrolled at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, where he was surrounded by some of the best young musical talent from around the globe. He has spent the past few years in Toronto honing his skills and has emerged leading his own bands and playing as a sideman with many of Toronto's popular jazz bands. While jazz is his primary focus these days, he is also a full-time member of two indie rock bands in Toronto, and splits his time between teaching at two music schools in the city and performing. When time permits, David works on crafting the David Dunlap Trio, combining many of his modern influences with the classic sound of Django Reinhardt and the Hot Club of France.



**Ted Mercer** has returned from his travels - two years working in London, UK and one year backpacking through China, SE Asia, Australia and New Zealand. He is currently living in downtown Toronto and working in sales at a risk management software company called Resolver. Ted (right) is pictured with **Rich Wilson '85** who also works at Resolver.



**Matthew Thorne** and Tracey are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Hayden Thomas Thorne on September 6, 2006. S.A.C. Science teacher Amanda Thorne is Hayden's proud aunt.



## 1997

**Greg Berdette** graduated from the MBA program at the Richard Ivey School of Business at Western in April 2006. His studies focused on finance, international business and entrepreneurship. Gregory is currently living in Buenos Aires, Argentina producing two short 3D animated films, which are part of a larger web-based marketing effort for a feature length science fiction story/script he has written. While living in Buenos Aires, he has taken up motor racing and will be competing in the Skip Barber open wheel race series in the U.S. when he returns to Canada this spring.

**Constantine Constantis** joined Anderson Foy Realty in April 2006, working with **Mike Foy '97**. He has been doing marketing research and promotional packages for the company. Prior to Constantine's move to the Toronto area, he was in Ireland as Club Manager of Crunch Fitness Premier, an executive fitness centre on the outskirts of Dublin.



**Adrian Ennis** is working at Raytheon Canada as a Project Engineer in charge of managing all engineering activity from a budget and schedule standpoint for assigned programs. Raytheon is a major supplier of air traffic control and has produced an extensive range of radar, signal processing, and data management systems for land and sea, civil and military, and land and maritime applications. During the summer of 2006, Adrian volunteered at Habitat for Humanity in St. Mary's, Ontario.

**James Lau** has moved from Ontario to the state of Washington and is involved in the computing field.

**Mark Newton** is really enjoying teaching elementary school in Ottawa. He has a grade 4/5 split class - and a new appreciation for how hard teaching split grades can be. Mark was appointed to the Canadian shortlist for international referees last spring and has just received his first international rugby appointment. He refereed at the 2006 North America West Indies Rugby Association Sevens in Barbados.

**Charles Pang** currently operates four schools in China, two in Beijing and two in Shenzhen. Two of the schools are dedicated to international students, and two are open to all. All schools offer the Canadian (New Brunswick) school curriculum. Currently Charles has plans for two more schools, one in Shanghai, and one in the ChongQing.

**Fred Perowne** was interviewed by CBC News (Paris Bureau) in Novi Sad, Serbia for a story produced for Hockey Day in Canada, which aired on January 13th, and was produced by **David Tredgett '82**. Fred is in Serbia again coaching this year, and arranged a game between the Bosnian Muslims and the Christian Serbs for the filming.

**Wilson Yu** returned to Canada earlier this year from Hong Kong. Wilson had been working non-stop for his family interests during the past two years in Hong Kong, and is now taking a well deserved and delayed break. In the future he hopes to pursue the field of "Information Technology", mainly data mining to do financial equity related forecasts, a field of research that he started in 2002.

## 1998

**John Lowes** took a position in March 2006 with CIBC Mellon Global Securities as a Business Analyst. Prior to that John lived and worked in Edinburgh, Scotland for six months after traveling through Europe the previous six months.

**Christopher Mast** spent a compulsory year in the German Red Cross as a paramedic. Following that Christopher enrolled in the Medical School of Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary for his pre-clinical studies, then returned to Germany for his clinical studies at Westfälische Wilhelms Universität Münster, graduating in November 2005 as a medical doctor. In January 2006 he began his clinical career at the Klinikum Esslingen, one of the main cardiologial centers in south-west Germany, in the department of cardiology, pulmonology and angiology.



**Andrew Pitt** married Sarah Jane Russell on August 19, 2006. Andrew and Sarah live in Ottawa where he works for Dell (Canada) Inc. He has been with Dell since May 2006, providing technical support for U.S. customers and working on web development for corporate intranet sites.

## 1999

**George Brown** is working for BMO Nesbitt Burns as an Investment Representative.

**Peter Dyson** graduated in 2004 with a Honours B.A. in Geography and Political Science from Wilfrid Laurier University and went on to complete the Firefighting Program at Seneca College. In June 2006 Peter joined the City of Oshawa Fire Department.

**Marc Hodges** backpacked around for a few months before coming back to Canada after graduating with a master's degree in Marketing from UNSW in Australia in 2004. Marc works as a Marketing Analyst for a medical technology company in Toronto. He still plays a lot of competitive ultimate frisbee, and in November 2006 he competed in the World Ultimate Club Championships in Australia.

**Chester Lo** completed his degree at University of Western Ontario in June 2003. He graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He is currently working at Bell Distribution Inc. in Mississauga.

**Daniel Near** married Lori Robins on October 21st in Markham, ON. Daniel received his MBA at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 2003. He is now working for the National Hockey League in New York City as Manager of Retail Sales and Marketing.



**Daniel Thorne** graduated from McGill with his B.Sc. in 2003 and later decided to do some traveling. He has a fascination with India and has been there for almost two years learning about the Buddhist and Hindu Indian cultures and languages. Daniel also assisted with the relief efforts when the earthquake hit Jakarta. When he returns from India he is interested in working on his Ph.D. in marine biology.





**Alain Chicoine '00** (left) and **Jonathan Cheng '01** hooked up when Jonathan visited Princeton in the fall.

## 2000

**Jamie Near** married Sarah Kennedy on December 31, 2006 in the S.A.C. Chapel. Jamie continues to work on his Ph.D. in Medical Biophysics at the University of Western Ontario, and Sarah graduated from teacher's college at the University of Edinburgh.

**Gordon Ozawa** graduated from Queen's University and is now working as a Mechanical Engineer at Atomic Energy of Canada Limited in Mississauga, ON.

**Barry Wai** has graduated from the University of Waterloo, with a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently working for Amico Corporation, Richmond Hill, a medical equipment manufacturer, as a Product Designer and Mechanical Design Engineer.

## 2001

**Austin Ball** graduated from Dalhousie University in 2006 with his B.Comm.

**Ivan Leung** received his B.Comm degree from the University of Toronto in 2005. Ivan is now working for Franklin Templeton Investments mutual funds.

**Ali Manigat** attends Fordham University School of Law in New York City.

**John Patton** graduated in 2005 with an Honours degree in History from Queen's University. That was followed by a year of Jewish Studies and Hebrew at Queen's. John is currently doing an M.A. in War History at the Royal Military College.

**Brent Poulsen** graduated with a Physical Education degree from Laurentian University and is now working in sales for Spieth Anderson, a sports equipment manufacturer. Brent has been racing elite triathlon for four years and is currently ranked in the top 10 in Canada.

**Nayan Ramachandran** graduated in the Spring of 2005 from Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland with a B.A. in English with a concentration in Creative Writing. He now works for GEOS Language Corporation in Osaka, Japan as an English teacher. Soon after graduation, Nayan completed the first novella of a series "Sever Complex" which was published by Eyes Out Entertainment.

**Dave Richardson** graduated from McGill with a B.A. and has since been doing a lot of travelling. He drove 5,000 miles down the west coast of North America and lived for a month out of a van. He only ran into a few obstacles along the way, like nearly freezing to death in the desert at night, and almost running out of gas in the desert—only to be saved by a Mexican selling gasoline out of the back of his truck. At the end of this trip, David arrived in a very small town in southern Baja called Pacedaro where he spent six weeks at a surf camp.

**Cameron Steed** graduated from the University of Toronto with an Honours B.A. in Humanities. He has accepted a position in the management trainee program for Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

## 2002

**Randall Blom** has returned to Canada from the UK and is now living in Montreal. He graduated in June 2006 with an M.A. honours in Modern History and International Relations from the University of St. Andrews in the UK.

**Andy Cheung** graduated from Queen's University in 2006. He is currently working in Toronto as a structural engineer in the field of bridge design.



**Sergio Colin de la Rosa** ran the Chicago Marathon on October 22, 2006, finishing his first marathon in four and half hours. He graduated with a degree in Business Administration from the Universidad Iberoamericana. Sergio continues to live in Mexico City and works for Wal-Mart in the Real Estate department.

**Andrew Cronin** graduated in the Spring of 2006 with a B.A. in History and Political Science from Colorado College. He has relocated to Daytona Beach, Florida where he works as a Real Estate Sales Manager for The Masco Corporation.

**Aladdin Diakun** is currently employed as a fundraiser for Greenpeace Canada. He is interested in creating systemic change and building rapid 21st century solutions to confront the converging crises of climate change, peak oil, resource scarcity and depletion (especially water), and loss of biodiversity.

**Kevin Fullerton** received his Bachelor of Commerce Honours from Queen's in 2006 and is now studying for his CA while working at KPMG, an international accounting and consulting firm.

**Ravel Li** graduated last fall from Queen's University with a B.Sc. in Life Science with a speciality in x-ray technology.



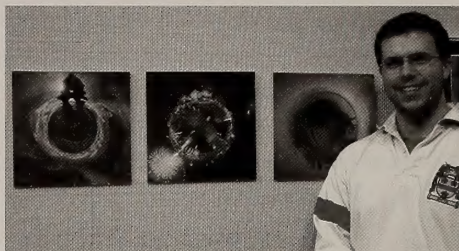


**Pete McClelland** top left, won the Commonwealth Rowing Championships held in Strathclyde, Scotland in the men's eight man oar with coxwain category. He also came in second in the men's four man boat without coxwain, at the World University Championships held in Trakai, Lithuania. His Canadian team was 7th overall, just missing making the "A" final by 0.3 of a second. It was an amazing experience for him and he now hopes to make the Olympic team that will go to Beijing.

**Michael Reid** graduated in 2006 from UBC with a degree in Urban Geography. After spending time in London and Barcelona, Michael took a job as a Real Estate Market Analyst with RealNet Canada Inc. in Vancouver.

## 2003

**Armughan Chishti** moved to Pakistan after leaving S.A.C. and successfully completed his O and A levels. Armughan then moved to Hungary and is now a second year medical student at the University of Debrecen. He fondly remembers his time at St. Andrew's and the friends he made here.



**John Houser** is currently exploring the opportunities and adventures of new media creation using interactive and immersive photography. He has been exploring new techniques for creating panoramic images that can capture the entirety of an environment, and then recreate that environment using a 3D virtual reality environment. These new techniques have given him the opportunity to work on projects all over the world, including Nunavut, China, the Bahamas, British Columbia and Europe.

**Michael Tzimas** completed his four year football career with the McGill Redmen as a starting linebacker. McGill had a much improved season this year and eventually lost to Laval in the semi-final of the Quebec University league.

**Peter Wong** is finishing his final term and will graduate with a B.Comm degree from the University of Toronto. He has been offered admission to the Ph.D. Finance program at the Rotman School of Management at U of T. He is the youngest student in the history of the University to be accepted to the Rotman Ph.D. program, and likely the only one to be admitted directly from the Bachelor's program without completing a master's first.

## 2004

**Louis-David Lord** is enjoying Bowdoin College very much. He has declared Neuroscience/Pre-med as his double major and is very happy with the way things are going. Louis-David is quite busy with fellowships and medical school application deadlines approaching. He is considering both Canadian and American medical schools, as well as a few master's programs in clinical Neuroscience.

**George Nozuka** had a hit pop/R&B single *Talk to Me* on radio's Top 20 for over a month in October 2006, according to the Toronto Star article by Ashate Infantry. His debut album, *Believe*, was released in early November. George resides in Toronto.

## 2005

**Robert Mackay** is a second-year leisure sciences student at Concordia, and has proven himself above all the other quarterback backups who tried and could not reach the level of excellence required to play in the QUFL. In his first year at Concordia, Robert was used sparingly, but still threw for almost 500 yards while recording five touchdown passes without a single interception.

## 2006

**Sameer Gulamani** is attending Schulich School of Business at York University this year.

**David Luther** is a professional pilot flying charter with Air Georgian across North America. He is building logbook time for the next wave of hiring at Air Canada, as well as getting a JAA (Joint Aviation Authority) licence through the Moncton Flight School.

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# THE NEXT CHAPTER



*University Counselling Office staff members  
(L-R): Stuart Swan, Teri Groves, Agata Kaminska, and Rev. Bruce Roffey.*

Starting every September, grade 12 students become immersed in the university application process. Many St. Andrew's students have been contemplating this process in advance and have a good idea of where they would like to apply and what they would like to study. But for others, it has been a daunting deadline that has loomed in the distance and is now suddenly upon them. This is a pivotal year for these students, when they prepare for their departure from the comforts and familiarity of the place where they have spent their past two to six years. Mr. Stuart Swan, Head of University Counselling and his colleagues, Mrs. Teri Groves, Associate Head of University Counselling, the Rev. Bruce Roffey and Ms. Agata Kaminska are ready to guide them through the process.

"The students who don't know what they want to do, really have trouble with this uncertainty," explains Stuart, who has been at St. Andrew's since 1984 (in Guidance since 1999). "I try to explain to them that this is a good thing, allowing them an opportunity to try different things. I liken it to their journey from grade 9 through 12, where they are busy taking prerequisite courses the first two years and then able to specialize more in their areas of interests in grades 11 and 12. They will experience a similar progression at university."

Stuart, Teri and Bruce typically start meeting with the students during their grade 10 year to discuss course selection. Liaising with Alan Halstead, who teaches the grade 10 careers course, they study students' transcripts and assess where their strengths and interests lie. This, in conjunction with subsequent meetings and conversations, helps them to "bridge the gap" between the student's preconceived notions of what they think they would like to do, and what they might actually be well suited to do.

Since the double graduating year (Double Cohort) of 2003, Guidance offices have witnessed a steady rise in the number of applications students are submitting. Stuart feels this trend reflects uncertainty based on the challenges of completing 30 credits in four years; achieving increasingly challenging cut-off averages to limited enrollment programs in Canada; increased competition from the large student populations in Ontario high schools; and, consequently, universities' willingness to rescind offers at the end of the final term; something they rarely did in the past.

In the last two years, universities in Ontario have started issuing early offers to their strongest applicants, based on grade 11 records. They do this in the hope of attracting the most talented students early. Applying early decision to their first choice school is another option for those who are looking south of the border. "About ten students applied early decision to schools in the U.S. this year, and four were accepted: two to Cornell, one to NYU, and one to Drexel" reports Stuart. "Even if you are deferred in the fall, you have indicated to your first choice school that they are your first pick, and that weighs heavily in the second round of decisions." However, some schools have stopped offering this option in recent years, such as Princeton for several reasons, including the belief that it gives some students unfair advantages. Those who believe in the value of offering an early decision find that students admitted at that time often end up being the most enthusiastic and committed once they arrive.

On average, St. Andrew's students now submit between five and six applications each, and this year there have been more students applying out of province. In the past three years the trends have typically been: 65% attend Ontario schools, 15% enrol in universities in other parts of Canada, 15% enter colleges in the U.S. schools, and 5% decide on international schools (primarily in the UK).



## THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS TAKEN FROM INTERVIEWS WITH SIX OF OUR GRADUATING ANDREANS FROM THE CLASS OF 2007:



**KYLE BERGMAN,**  
BOARDING STUDENT FROM  
TORONTO, ACCEPTED TO  
DREXEL UNIVERSITY  
IN PHILADELPHIA, PA

Last summer, Kyle was invited to attend the "Peak 200" Boys Lacrosse Camp at Springfield College in Massachusetts. While at the week-long camp, he and other premier high school lacrosse players from across North America played under close scrutiny in the hopes of being recognized by a university coach from a top program.

Earlier in the spring, Kyle's father had encouraged him to send highlight videos to the lacrosse coaches at the top Division I universities and colleges in the U.S. to get his name out there in advance of application submissions. A three term varsity athlete, Kyle also plays soccer and basketball for the school, and is captain of all three teams this year.

"When we left the U.S. [and moved to Canada before my grade 10 year] that was a concern of mine, that I wouldn't get noticed if I went to school in Canada," said Kyle. "I knew that I wanted to go to university in the U.S., and my dad helped push me to make that a reality."

Kyle also credits his lacrosse coach, Greg Reid for recommending him for these camps. You cannot just apply, you need to receive a reference from your coach and then be selected to attend. Mr. Reid recognized Kyle's talents early on and has never hesitated to promote his abilities among the university coaching circuit.

After returning to Toronto, the phone calls and emails did not stop. "The University of Denver wanted me to commit by August 7th," remembers Kyle. "That was too early and my parents suggested I wait it out. UMass [The University of Massachusetts] also offered me something, as did St. John's, University of Hartford and VMI. Some Division III schools contacted me as well, including Middlebury College, Roanoke, RIT and Salisbury; but my goal was always to play Division I."

Kyle and his father visited with the coaches and toured UMass, St. John's and Drexel University a few weeks later. Sometime in late August he received a call from the Drexel coach asking him to commit. He was offered a sports scholarship, as well as an academic scholarship to the LeBow College of Business at Drexel, since his SATs were above average and his grades are solid. Kyle made a verbal commitment on the phone and the weight of the world was lifted from his shoulders.

A Prefect this year and boarder in Flavelle House for the past two and a half years, Kyle believes boarding life will help him make a smooth transition to university. He visited Drexel in early February to meet the lacrosse team members and watch them scrimmage with Cornell University, where his friend Jon Thomson will be next year. "I am looking forward to the new freedoms university will offer, and competing against my fellow Andreans on the playing fields in the future."



**WILLIAM YUEN,**  
DAY STUDENT FROM NEWMARKET

William started at St. Andrew's in grade 8, having moved to Canada three years earlier from Taiwan. He attended the University Fair at St. Andrew's last fall and strongly recommends that all grade 12 students attend this event. He found it to be a great opportunity to direct his questions one-on-one with the recruiters representing more than 20 universities and programs from around Ontario.

He also took advantage of the trips sponsored by the University Counselling office to McMaster, Western and Cornell last fall. These trips were tremendously eye-opening for him, and while he really enjoyed meeting with S.A.C. alumni and seeing what campus life was about at Cornell, in the end he decided to apply to schools in Ontario.

"You must visit the school if at all possible," William says. "You need to see if you like the feel of the campus, because you will be spending the next four years (or more) there."

William is interested in studying the sciences or maybe pre-med. He has applied to the University of Toronto (Trinity College), McMaster, Guelph and Western; his first choice being U of T.



William's biggest surprise was how much time the university application process takes. He found Mr. Swan to be a huge resource in helping him choose between the different programs and narrow his search. Based on his recent experience, William has drafted several tips for other students on how best to approach this process:

1. Prepare yourself early for the SAT if you are planning on applying to universities in the U.S., and attend an SAT prep course (S.A.C. sponsors one);
2. Since almost everything is available on-line, do some preliminary research on the programs you are interested in first before visiting with the University Counselling office;
3. Research scholarships and electives if available and pay attention to deadlines;
4. Pay attention to different program deadlines, they can often vary for the same university;
5. Compile and submit a personal biography or résumé of your accomplishments and achievements throughout high school with your applications;
6. Request referrals/recommendations if needed as early as possible;
7. Go to your university counsellor for assistance with any questions or difficulties; and
8. Give yourself ample time to do all of the above – plan in advance!

William is also very involved with the music program at St. Andrew's and plays the alto sax in the Wind Ensemble. He is a leading member of SAGE, S.A.C.'s environmental club and the Computer Programming Club. He is looking forward to this new experience, however he says he will miss the friendly community that he has come to know over his past five years at St. Andrew's. "My teachers have become my friends, and I'm not sure it will be that way at a place as big as U of T."



Richard Housser

## RICHARD HOUSSEY, DAY STUDENT FROM AURORA

Richard is a fourth generation Andrean who watched his older brother John graduate from St. Andrew's four years ago and head east to Acadia University. Quick to differentiate himself from his brother, Richard has chosen to apply to universities located in more urban centres, including UBC, McGill, McMaster, Western and Carleton; with UBC and the mountains as his first choice. He has already received a scholarship and acceptance from Carleton and is waiting on others.

Richard first became interested in his university search when his brother was going through the process. At the time he thought he would want to go to Queen's, but after attending the school sponsored trip to Kingston, and discussing potential areas of study with his parents, he decided a larger city would suit him better.

Having started at St. Andrew's in grade 7, Richard is a Prefect this year and involved at many different levels. He played 1st Football, and qualified for OFSAA and won the CISAA Championship with the Alpine Ski Team. He has been very involved in the back stage lighting operations of the school plays and FOCUS, was past chairman of Photographers for S.A.C., and a Middle School House Captain.

"This is my last year at S.A.C. – all I've known for the past six years," reflects Richard. "Next year will be a whole new experience with new friends in a brand new environment. It will be the next chapter of my life, I'm just waiting to write it!"



Vladie Lokshin

## VLADIE LOKSHIN, DAY STUDENT FROM AURORA

Vladie was born in Moscow and spent his first nine years in Israel. His family moved to North York when he was 10 and he started at St. Andrew's in grade 8. Currently he stands at the top of his class with a 95% average. His top university choices are: Queen's Commerce, Richard Ivy School of Business, Schulich School at York University, the University of Toronto (Victoria College), and McGill.

"I would like to go to Queen's for Commerce because it feels like it would be similar in terms of spirit," says Vladie. "I've always heard S.A.C. has close ties to Queen's. And I felt that when I visited and saw all our alumni."

He would like to major in commerce or economics, as he finds it to be challenging and more people oriented than a major such as science.

Vladie plays 1st Rugby and is a key competitor on the Nordic Ski Team. He just completed a gold level Duke of Ed dog sledding trip, is Head of House for Smith House, and very involved with the Arts Council as well.

While he is looking forward to attending university next fall, he has mixed feelings. He will miss all that S.A.C. has given him and all of the opportunities. "It's a really warm place where everyone cares about you and your success. I feel it has helped me develop my skills to face the world more prepared and as a complete citizen."





## COLIN MURPHY, BOARDING STUDENT FROM MEXICO CITY

Colin has been a boarder at St. Andrew's since grade 9 and applied early decision last fall to Yale University. While he was deferred, he is hopeful he will be accepted this spring as he is very impressed with the sheer amount of academic and extra-curricular opportunities it offers, especially in theatre. His sister is in her second year there.

Colin has since submitted more than 10 applications, all to U.S. schools including other Ivy League schools and a few smaller schools, such as Middlebury and Bowdoin College. He plans to study either international relations or economics.

Colin began meeting with Mr. Swan midway through his grade 11 year, as he was trying to figure out when to take the SATs and had a few questions regarding the overall application process. "He has helped me narrow my choice of schools," says Colin.

**"He has also kept me organized and on top of deadlines, and has been very supportive."**

Colin was born in Rio de Janeiro and grew up in Mexico City. His parents are originally from the United States and the family returns to visit often. He has always known that is where he would attend university, now it's just a question of where.

During his four years here, Colin has been very involved in the drama program and has developed into a accomplished actor. He played opposite Carly Street in the school's production of *Cabaret* last fall

and co-starred in *Waiting for Godot* this past February. He has also been involved in numerous FOCUS plays and is involved with the Community Service Council, Summit Writer's Society, HACIA (Harvard Association for Cultivating Inter-American Democracy) and squash as well.

"It will be difficult to leave campus – St. Andrew's has been my home away from home for the past four years," says Colin. "And to leave four years' worth of memories and experiences behind will not be an easy task. S.A.C. has taught me to be more independent and responsible, and it has encouraged me to branch out and not shy away from opportunity."



## ADRIAN WU, BOARDING STUDENT FROM THORNHILL, ALREADY ACCEPTED TO QUEEN'S AND WESTERN, WAITING ON IVIES

Adrian came to St. Andrew's in grade 7 as a day student and has been a boarder for the past four years. While he has already been accepted to Western, he applied early decision to the University of Pennsylvania (and was deferred), and is hoping to either be awarded a full scholarship to Queen's or attend a top school in the U.S.

"Each application was different, some required two essays: one short, one long; others, including UPenn required four," Adrian remembers. "But Dartmouth's supplementary form was a particularly easy one, simply asking for five words to describe myself." Adrian wrote: genuine, rational, responsible, self-motivated, leader.

As one of the school's Prefects this year, he appears to embody all of these qualities and is hopeful that at least one of these schools will

take notice. He has also applied to Harvard, Yale and Columbia, and he is deciding between business or pre-med as a major.

Adrian's criteria for selection included: top-notch academics, an urban setting, culturally diverse community, and located on the east coast so he can come home regularly. His first choice, UPenn fits the bill and when he visited last fall he was very impressed. "It seemed like everyone there was going places," Adrian reports. "Gordon Lee '06 and Mark Cheng '03, two of my friends studying there, have only great things to say about it."

Adrian believes the school's University Counselling offices is one of the best in Canada. He found Mr. Swan to be very reassuring and familiar with the deadlines and process. And he also appreciated the plan Mr. Swan helped set for him. Adrian's plan started unfolding in grade 10 upon realizing he wanted to attend a U.S. university. He began getting more involved in outreach; became a Mac House Captain; is now the 3rd highest ranking officer in Cadets; is President of DECA, the school's marketing team club; and has been involved with the badminton and basketball teams. He also knew he needed to boost his average (currently at 92.5%) and focus on AP classes, of which he has taken five. In so doing,

**"Mr. Swan helped me to realize my dreams and ambitions."**

Adrian is pleased with how his St. Andrew's career and education turned out and feels he has achieved what he wanted to here. He was just selected to compete at the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida in April as part of the DECA Ontario team. DECA is dedicated to developing future leaders in marketing, management and entrepreneurship. Adrian had to decline because he will be in the midst of preparing for five AP exams and two Cadet parades, not to mention the prom. "I'm pretty confident I'll turn out okay wherever I go and whatever I do next." We are too. **A**

KIM SILLCOX



# Community News

**Jon Butcher** has been appointed Head of the Science Department.

**Michele Derwin** has been hired as a Middle School Science teacher, having filled in for Robyn O'Hare during her maternity leave in 2005-06. Michele has a Bachelor of Kinesiology degree from Acadia University and a B.Ed. from Nipissing University. Prior to coming to S.A.C., Michele taught Math, Science and Physical Education for a small private school near Ottawa.

**Teri Groves** joins us as Associate Head of University Counselling. Teri comes to St. Andrew's from York Region District School Board (YRDSB), where she worked in Guidance at Langstaff Secondary School in Richmond Hill, and most recently at the YRDSB Office in Aurora. Teri lives in Richmond Hill with her husband and three daughters.

**Jamie Inglis '91** and his wife Jane are once again proud parents, this time of a baby boy. Andrew James was born on February 21, 2007 and joins his big sister Hilary in Sifton House.

**David Joiner** has been appointed Head of the Geography Department.

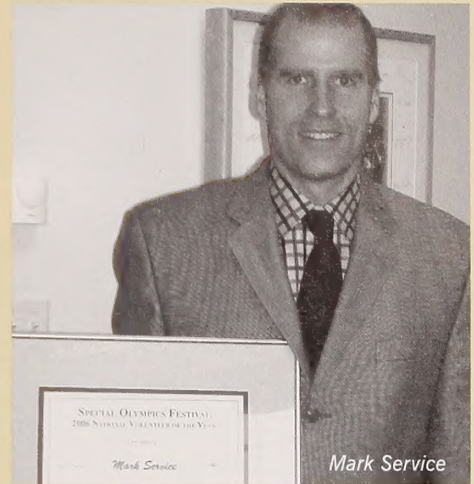
**Bruce Keyes** joined the Admission Office in October as Associate Director of Admission, bringing five years of experience with him from Admissions at Trinity College School. Bruce previously taught Physical and Health Education at Ashbury College (his alma mater) in Ottawa, where he was also Associate Housemaster and coach of senior boys' hockey, senior girls' soccer and junior football. He has a B.Sc. and teaching certification from St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Bruce, his wife Deborah (Dede) and three daughters: Kalessy 6, Larissa 3, and Kendra 2 plan to relocate to Aurora this summer.

**Sean Ludwig** has joined us as a business teacher in the Upper School. He recently graduated from Brock University with a B.Ed. in Business Studies and Health and Physical Education, and he also has a Master's degree from the University of Windsor. Sean coached the U16 Basketball team this past term.

**David Manning** joins us as a teacher of Civics in the Upper School. As well, he oversees our Athletic Stores. David obtained his Bachelor of Arts from Colby College, his Technology Education Diploma and his Bachelor of Education degree from Memorial University.

**Melissa Ramon** has accepted the position of History teacher in the Middle School. Melissa received her B.A. and B.Ed. from Trent University and is married to Keith Ramon, Assistant Housemaster in Sifton House.

**Mike Paluch** has been hired as the Head of the English department. He holds his M.A. in English Literature, his B.A. in English and History, the Honours Specialist Qualification in English, and his Primary Junior Additional Qualifications. He comes to us after spending seven years teaching at The Country Day School where he taught Middle and Senior English, produced the school's literary magazine, *Portraits*, hosted the CAIS Writing Competition and led a summer school programme in Malaga, Spain. Prior to his work at CDS, Mike taught English at Bishop's College School in Lennoxville, Quebec. Mike and his wife Sarah began their teaching career at a U.S. Embassy school in Port-au-Prince Haiti. Mike also has extensive experience in children's camping, acting as both Program Director of Camp Ponacka, a boys residential camp on Lake Baptiste, and Camp Temagami, a co-ed canoe tripping camp on Lake Temagami. Mike currently resides in Aurora with his wife and two year old son, Henry.



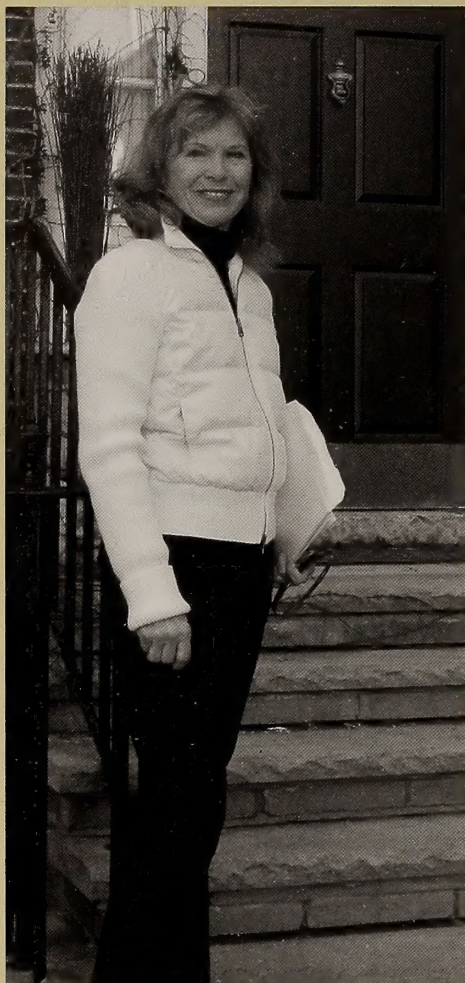
**Mark Service** was recognized as Volunteer of the Year in December for his involvement in the annual Special Olympics Festival. This is a major fundraising and promotional initiative for Ontario Special Olympics. Mark and the students of St. Andrew's have been integrally involved in the festival for the past six years.

**Danielle Richer** joins us as a teacher of Mathematics in the Upper School. Danielle currently lives in Toronto and received her Bachelor of Arts from York University and her Bachelor of Education degree (Concurrent Program), also from York.

**Whitney Elliot** has been hired to teach French in the Middle School. Whitney received her Honours Bachelor's degree from the University of Guelph, and recently received her B.Ed. from York University. Whitney lives locally and attended Aurora High School.

**Kim Sillcox** has moved into a new position as Director of Communications. Kim was previously Associate Director of Admission and Communications, has been with the school since March 2005, and is married to Old Boy **Scott Sillcox '77**. They have two children.





**Jane Staunton**, wife of Headmaster Staunton, received an Ontario Heritage Trust Community Recognition Award in February for her work in preserving the built heritage of St. Andrew's College. A former member of the Port Hope and Aurora municipal heritage committees, Jane has been actively involved in preserving the built heritage of St. Andrew's for the past ten years. Since her arrival at St. Andrew's in 1997, Jane has been a champion for the preservation of the architectural character of the campus, which is also her home. She takes great pride in her sensitive interior renovations to the Headmaster's House. Jane was involved in the 1999 renovation of the Towers Library, a College Centennial Project, which was carefully designed to be a sympathetic combination of the original architectural plans, and suit the modern needs of the campus. She also took part in restoration work for the Memorial Chapel. Nominated by the Town of Aurora in recognition of their outstanding service to local heritage, six individuals received Heritage Community Recognition Awards in 2007.

**Marcel te Bokkel** was appointed Head of the Mathematics Department.

**Sharen Turner** joined the Alumni & Advancement Department in October 2007. Sharen brings with her six years of experience from the Development Office from Knox College, University of Toronto. She obtained her B.A. in History from York University.

On November 9th Stan Macfarlane spoke to the boys in Chapel for Remembrance Day. Headmaster Ted Staunton introduced Stan as follows:

Stan Macfarlane served with the 48th Highlanders in World War II in Sicily, Italy and the Low Countries. In 1947 he joined the faculty of St. Andrew's College teaching French, Spanish and Latin until he retired in 1982. During his tenure at St. Andrew's, Mr. Macfarlane, a seasoned traveler, spent many summers leading student bicycle tours of Europe with his colleague and friend Dick Gibb. After his retirement, Stan joined a school in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia for a number of years before returning to Canada.

After the Remembrance Day service we surprised Stan with a birthday cake to mark his 90th and presentation of a Great Hall Chair from a group of Old Boys (his former students) and several members of faculty and staff.



< (L-R) Bob Dack '57, Chris Brand '61, Stan Macfarlane, Jake Omstead '52, Struan Robertson '84, David Dunlap '56, John Walden '71 and Jim Herder '64.





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< *Sifton Company parades past "Andrew" for the first time at a Cadet Inspection last May. They later were named Best Company. The statue of "Andrew" was given to the College by the Ladies Guild to mark the 100th anniversary of the #142 St. Andrew's College Highland Cadet Corps.*

**April** 21 **Red and White Gala**  
22 **Church Parade in Aurora**

**May** 1 **Headmaster's Parade** 1:00 p.m.  
Classes 1957 and prior,  
luncheon at S.A.C., 11:00 a.m.  
5 **Cadet Inspection**  
St. Andrew's College,  
Plan to arrive by 1:00 p.m.  
8 **Middle School Arts Day** 2:00 pm  
**Grandparent's Day**  
9-11 **Focus Festival**  
12 **S.A.C. Pipes & Drums**  
perform at the opening game  
for the Toronto Football Club  
BMO Field, Exhibition Place

**June** 8 **Manhattan Open Golf Day**  
12:00 p.m. arrival, 1:00 pm tee off  
Class of 1970, 1979 and friends  
of the late Charlie Edwards  
For an invitation to attend,  
please call 905.727.4002  
14 **Middle School Prize Day** 2:00 p.m.  
15 **Upper School Prize Day** 2:00 p.m.  
18 **S.A.C. Association Golf Tournament**  
1:00 p.m., shotgun start  
Pheasant Run Golf Club, Sharon  
To book your foursome, please call  
905.727.4002

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**August** 11

**September** 28 **Homecoming Class**  
**Reunion Dinner**  
Celebrating classes of 1962,  
1967, 1972, 1977, 1982,  
1987, 1992 & 1997.  
29 **Homecoming 2007**  
All Old Boys and friends  
of the school welcome!  
Complimentary lunch,  
sports events, and family  
activities all day.

**October** 26 **UK/EU Chapter**  
**11th Annual Old Boys' Dinner**  
London, England  
For more information contact  
**John Morgan '86**  
jmorgan@alliesandmorrison.co.uk

**December** 7 **Carol Service 7:00 p.m.**  
Yorkminster Park  
Baptist Church  
1585 Yonge Street, Toronto

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# CHALLENGES AND *Expectations*

Architecture is the pre-eminent embodiment of a society's values. It never lies about what its priorities are. The successful completion of Phase I of the Campus Master Plan in 2003 demonstrated the Headmaster and Board of Directors' vision of what ought to be, and their determination to make it a reality.

The visual arts have been extremely well provided for with the creation of the Wirth Art Centre, and the faculty and students have taken full advantage of these new state-of-the-art facilities. Now it is time to take the next step forward, and turn our attention toward enhancing and strengthening St. Andrew's drama facilities with the creation of a new performing arts centre.

When the Ketchum Auditorium was built in 1962 it helped put S.A.C. at the forefront of other independent schools. It was a modern space used for school assemblies, musicals, plays and countless other school activities. But 45 years can be a lifetime for a facility that faces the daily demands Ketchum does. Over the years we have witnessed the development of a first-rate drama program. Challenges are now many and expectations are enormous in the delivery of the quality of productions the school has grown accustomed to.

The St. Andrew's College Dramatic Society produces a full-scale Broadway or Shakespearean production every fall which, under the current circumstances, can be extremely demanding on the facilities. With the advent of the FOCUS Festival 17 years ago, the Experimental Theatre Company and various Dramatic Society performances sprinkled throughout the year, not to mention multiple music concerts and assemblies – Ketchum is stretched to its limits. In order to continue to grow and be recognized in the larger community, our theatre program would greatly benefit from enhanced classroom space, a proper studio complex that would house a multiplicity of needs, and a new theatre for full-scale productions.

William Scoular, Head of the Drama program at St. Andrew's, argues that "no dramatic arts program can be considered thorough until it provides for everything from the first stages of training and discovery to the final finished stages of production." To meet this goal the drama department needs proper and adequate classroom space to provide a broad range of instruction in movement, voice and filmmaking.

A second imperative is a studio complex for workshop explorations, for rehearsal, and for small-scale in-house productions by students. This, according to Scoular, should be a unique performance setting which affords an adaptable, flexible space allowing an intimacy between the actor and his audience. "There can be no wiser investment as far as the future of the program is concerned. A studio complex

will have a transforming impact on drama at S.A.C., and is absolutely crucial if the process and the achievement are to become coherent, whole and self-renewing."

With any performance, part of the beauty lies in the presentation. A school of St. Andrew's stature needs a first-rate performance space. Mounting productions of the size and scope that we do in a space that lacks most of the basic requirements of a theatre is arduous at best. Ketchum currently has no fly space, no loading dock, no wing space, no workshop, all of which increase our challenges profoundly. It also has no provision for storage, dressing rooms, make-up and wardrobe, or a box-office; and its outmoded sound and lighting systems are virtually useless.



Ketchum, Scoular explains, is an auditorium not a theatre. "Spaces do relate to the activities to which they give shelter. Of no space is this more true than a theatre. Show a film and the audience retreats. Start a performance of a play and an audience advances. It enters into a conversation with the stage. If the architecture impedes this conversation – as it does in the Ketchum Auditorium – the play cannot possibly work." A new theatre, therefore, is paramount for the growth and continuity of the School's drama program.

Everyone recognizes that drama is an incredibly important element in the life of the School. But it is also very fragile Scoular is careful to point out. "It has to be protected and supported." To ensure that the future of drama is secure at St. Andrew's, the Headmaster and Board of Directors have made a performing arts centre the highest priority in the second phase of the Campus Master Plan.

St. Andrew's College is a community of people in the here and now, with common interests in education and learning, but it is also, and vitally, the larger community of all those people whose gratitude for what they have received from the past expresses itself in a willingness to give and build for the future.

The construction of a new theatre points to such aspirations. It will be a tangible reminder that this generation of Old Boys took the work of their predecessors, improved upon it, and passed on an inheritance better than the one they received. **A**





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